







THE SHIELD—1972

SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE WINOOSKI, VERMONT



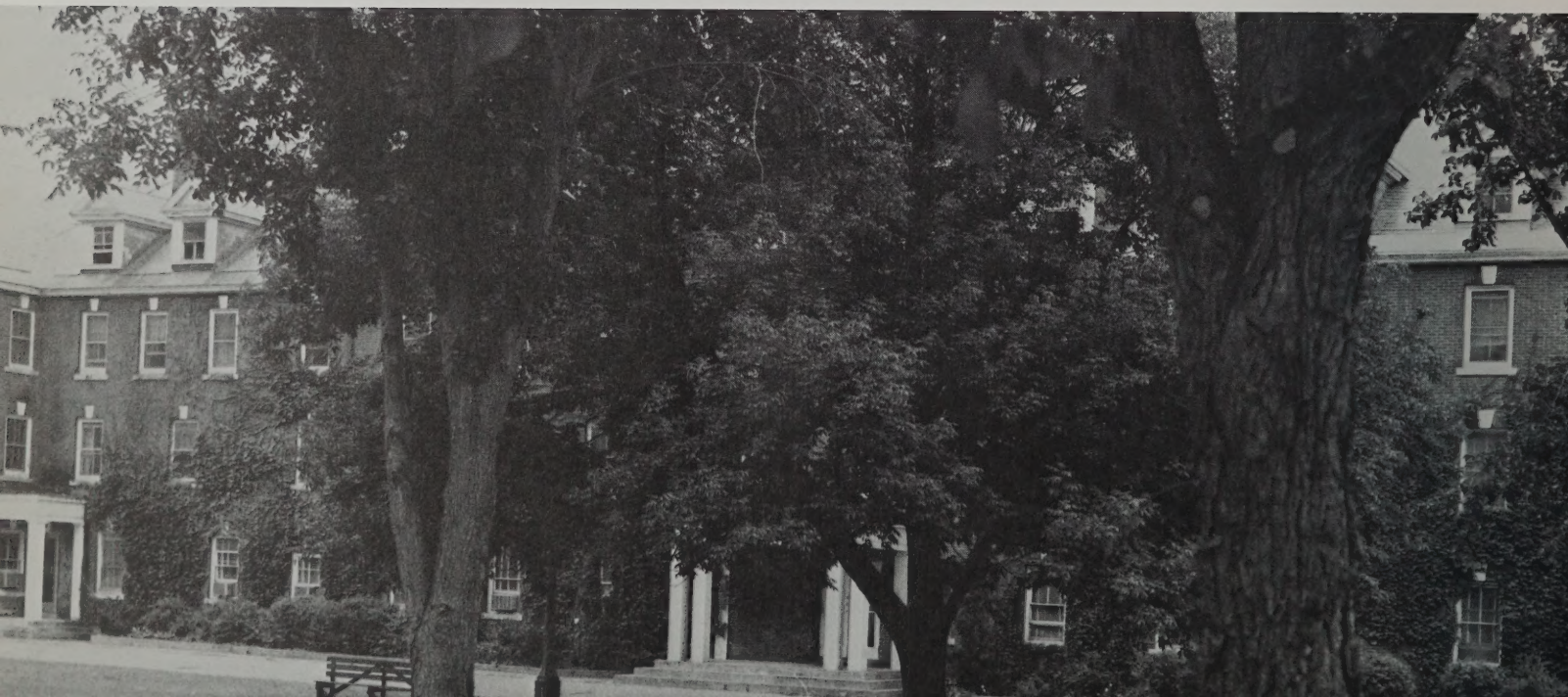
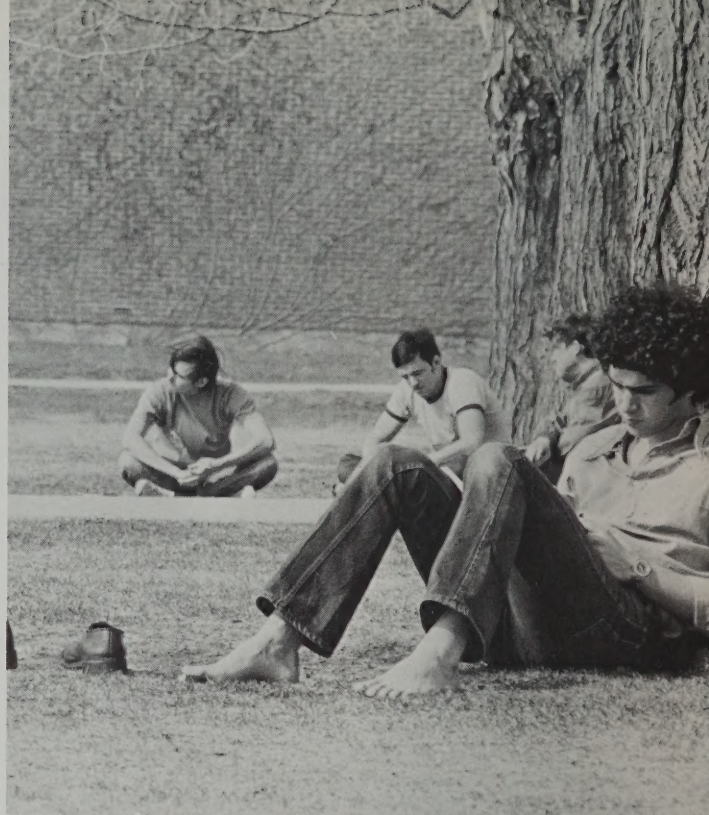
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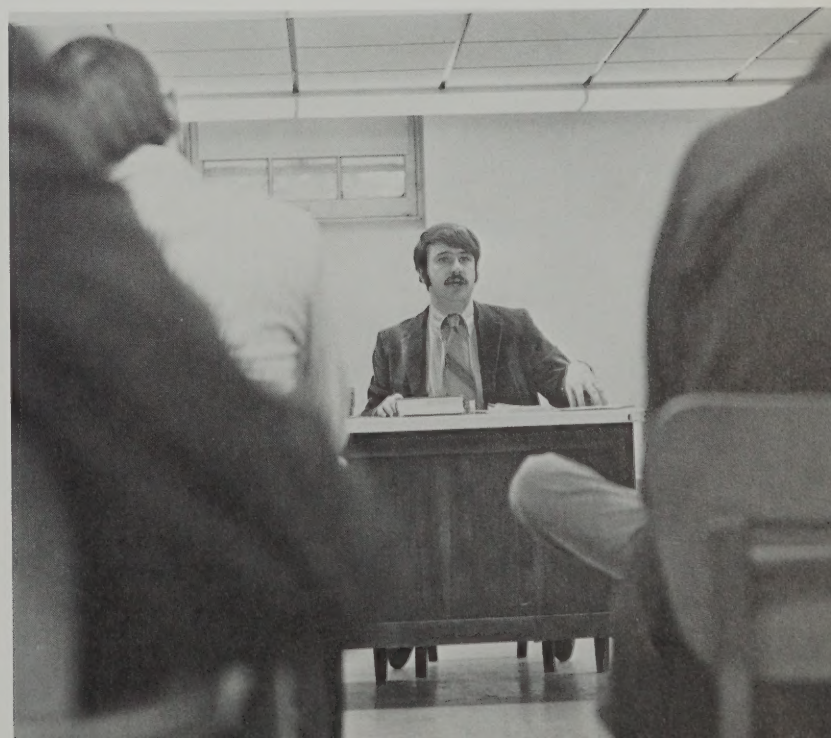
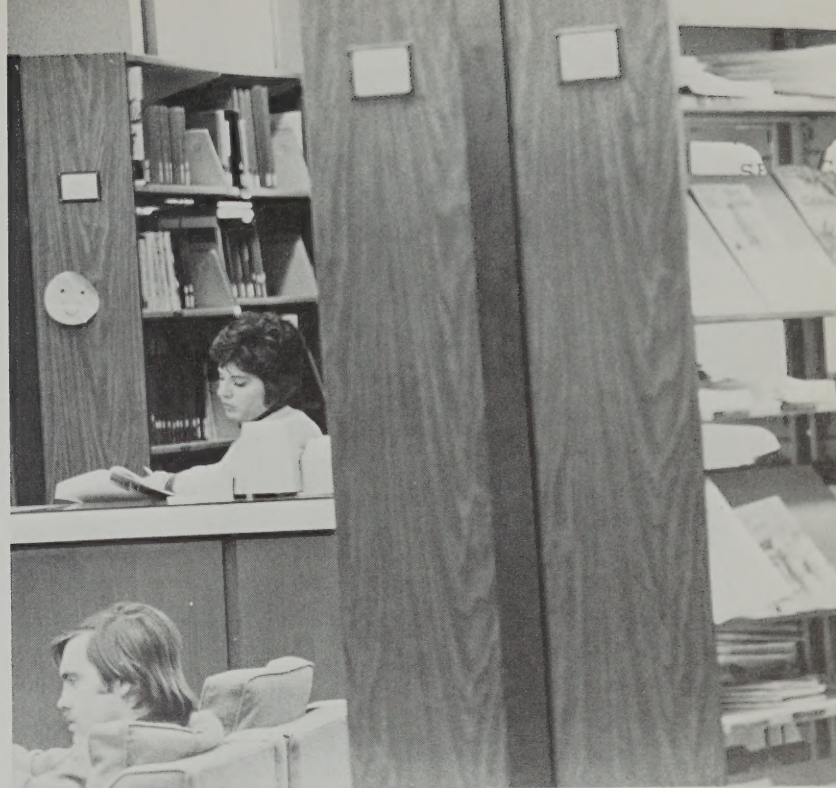


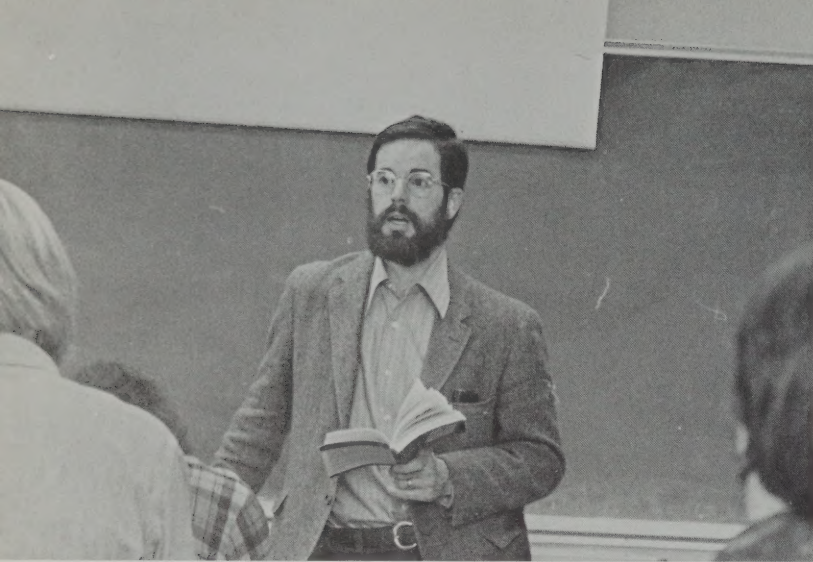
OMNIA TEMPUS HABENT, ET SUI SPATII
TRANSEUNT UNIVERSA SUB CAELO
(ECCLESIASTES III:1)



Surely, the past four years at St. Michael's College have reflected the changing climates in American society. In all areas—academic, political, economic, social—St. Michael's has experienced fundamental and far-reaching changes. Although it is true that the college in the past made attempts to adapt to shifting life styles it seems that in recent years, the "normal" course of events has given way to a period of highly accelerated change fraught with fear, uncertainty and bewilderment. Every aspect of campus life—the physical "plant", the administration, the Edmundites, faculty, students, curricula—each too has undergone basic changes; and with still more to come as St. Michael's makes its brave attempt to survive in a society which is seriously questioning and challenging the role of the small, private college. Hopefully, the college is adjusting to the needs of the present while retaining a firm commitment to be even more open and responsive to the demands of the future.







Perhaps the most obvious change has been in the campus buildings and grounds, or what the Boutin administration, in their finest tradition of corporate efficiency, refers to as "the plant". The transformation of the Winoski Park plateau from a military installation to a sedate liberal arts college was made complete with the demolition of the playhouse and infirmary, thus opening an expansive, grassy lawn between the academic buildings and that prestigious campus residence—the quadrangle. On the former site of the famous St. Michael's stage was erected a somewhat controversial slab of concrete and bricks known to all as Aiken Mall. Far from being content with just the tribute to Senator Aiken however, the college's Development Drive continued to seek the necessary funds for the construction of the badly needed sports complex and fine arts center, thus promising an even more beautiful and well equipped campus in the future.







Without a doubt, a change of singular importance has been the presidency of Bernard L. Boutin, begun in the fall of 1969. Boutin's administration has been a constant catalyst for change in all areas of the college community. Mr. Boutin, the first lay president of St. Michael's and a businessman by profession, has turned the college administration into a model computerized corporation, somewhat of a departure from the previous Edmundite administrations, when the school motto was "Quis Ut Deus" instead of the present, "Do Not Spindle, Fold, or Mutilate".

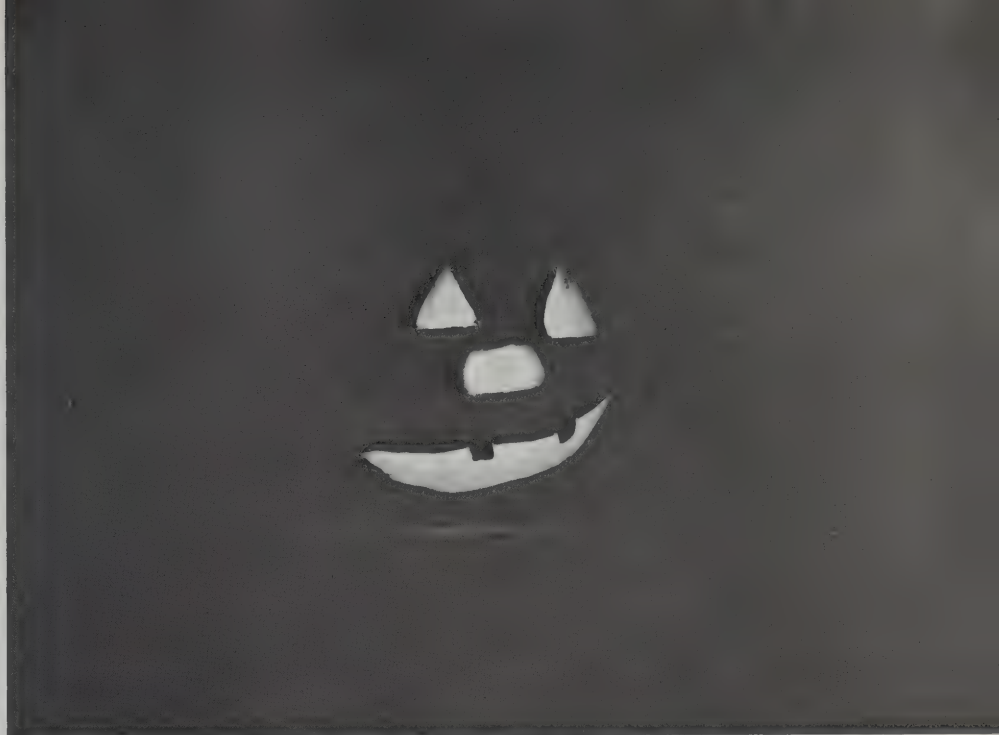




The inauguration of a lay president in November 1969 was more than symbolic for the Society of St. Edmund—it clearly demonstrated their receding presence, power and influence at St. Michael's College. Realizing the need for professional business expertise, the Order relinquished control of the college to the Board of Trustees. Although the society presently holds half membership on the Board, future plans call for a decreased role for the Edmundites on the important governing body. Hopefully, the ever-increasing secular character of St. Michael's will continue the fine academic tradition of the liberal arts espoused by the Society of St. Edmund throughout their seven decades of service to the college.

With regard to academics, the past four years have witnessed a widespread revision of the traditional core curriculum culminating in a reduction of the humanities, philosophy, theology and language requirements. The obvious advantage of the change has been greater freedom for students in their selection of preferred electives, once a privilege delegated solely to upperclassmen. While the emphasis on student academic mobility is highly desirable, the alteration of the core curriculum has been hotly attacked by some faculty and students who insist that the whole philosophy behind a liberal college education has been undermined and indeed, destroyed by this revision. The success of the new curriculum and the future of the liberal arts clearly rests with the students. Certainly, it remains their responsibility to educate themselves through a balanced choice of course offerings.





For the most part, student life on campus has been an invaluable maturing process where dormitory living provided daily experiences seemingly taken from the theater of the absurd. Here also, there was a great deal of change over the past four years. Freshman year was an age of innocence when weekend festivities meant smuggling a six-pack by the proctor and living with the embarrassment of the one A.M. bedcheck. Sophomore year marked the end of our naivete with the introduction of weekend parietals, dorm keg parties, and the use of marijuana. And of course there was the nation-wide student strike motivated by the U.S. invasion of Cambodia and intensified by the tragic deaths of four students at Kent State. Junior year brought the first co-eds in the school's history, increased parietals, and an unusually harsh winter which buried any and all forms of student activity—except skiing. As often happens, Senior year was characterized by an atmosphere of “return to normalcy”. It seems there was a revival of the nostalgic drinking days of the past and consequently, on many a night, the Mill had standing room only.

Saint Michael's would never be the same again, but neither would the Class of 1972. Together both had grown through these difficult years. Our philosophies, lives and loves would be quite different and changed because of St. Michael's and St. Michael's would be different because of the changes wrought by student needs. Like the predestined seasonal changes in Vermont's demanding climate, our lives will continue to change and hopefully prosper, and only then will we be able to adequately evaluate our successes and failures at St. Michael's. At present, we can only hope that we have become better people for it.





DEDICATION

In 1971 the graduates of Saint Michael's were somewhat startled and disenchanted by the fact that their four years in college had not led them to any sort of worthwhile employment.

In 1972, however, we, as graduating seniors, were well aware that job opportunities would not be thrust upon us as we approached graduation day. But it is possible that such a situation has helped us to realize that a university is not an employment agency and that the quality of our education cannot be judged by quoting the percentages of students who continue their formal education or who are gainfully employed upon leaving Saint Michael's.

On the contrary, the excellence of our education can only be judged at the level of the individual testing how well we have learned to rise above the everyday and commonplace occurrences while remaining ever-alert to our surroundings and sensitive to the needs of those around us. In other words, the quality of our education should, in some way, be reflected in the way in which we live.

It is therefore only fitting that we dedicate our yearbook to those people who most desire such a quality of life for us. The "1972 Shield" pays special tribute to the PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 1972.

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New England has the most violent climate in the world. It hurtles from pre-tropical August to sub-arctic January and hurtles back again, forcing the foliage through the most drastic changes in nature, erupting with blooms for a brief spell, then exploding with autumnal colors, then abruptly gaunt as death and swiftly on into luxuriant bloom again.

The inhabitants of New England must go through similar desperate accommodations to this anarchic climate, alternately brown-skinned as Polynesians and sallow as monks, subject to heat prostration and pneumonia, snowbound and heat-waved, given to fall's energy and then summery languors, responding to rustles of spring and depths of winter, naked as jaybirds and then bundled as bears, hurrying along on the heels of the seasons changes all their lives, unresting, ever on the alert to what's next, brittle from the fatigue of ever adapting to their commanding climate.

John Knowles





UNHARVESTED

A scent of ripeness from over a wall.
And come to leave the routine road
And look for what had made me stall,
There sure enough was an appletree
That had eased itself of its summer load,
And of all but its trivial foliage free,
Now breathed as light as a lady's fan.
For there there had been an apple fall
As complete as the apple had given man.
The ground was one circle of solid red.

May something go always unharvested!
May much stay out of our stated plan,
Apples or something forgotten and left,
So smelling their sweetness would be no theft.

Robert Frost

The summer had brought with it reduced air travel for students to Europe, a wage and price freeze, and an increasingly difficult time in finding summer employment. There had been very little unrest in the cities, and an increased awareness of the condition of our polluted waterways. In general, it was not a bad summer; but there was nothing particularly noteworthy about it either.

With the approach of September came the slow and gradual pilgrimage of students to that distant hill in Vermont known as Saint Michael's College. The freshmen were excited; the sophomores discontented; the juniors resigned; and the seniors were looking forward to the beginning of the sixty-eighth academic year at Saint Michael's. They were met by the sometimes questionable addition to the campus, the Aiken Mall, and an acute realization of the need for "arbor reform" to help the complexion of the College.

Before long the students had brought back the life that had died in the previous Spring. Soccer players boasted of the possibility of winning championships and an undefeated season. The football team began the long afternoon practices in the hope of being in shape for the 2 October opening game against Lowell Tech. ROTC began drills in the parking lots and on the plush green lawns that surround the residence halls and the sites of proposed buildings. Streams of students rushed to the registrar's office in the hope of being able to change a course or two with the vain hope of doing so without a monetary fine. Picture identification cards were introduced and *Playboy* was sold in the Alliot Hall Booth. Saga had taken over the dining hall and made it into a veritable restaurant on campus. They served, for the first time in Winooski, such delicious entrees as the "Saga-burger" and the revolutionary "Fishwich". The campus had begun to breathe again and it wasn't long before things started to happen.

It appeared that the most remarkable phenomenon of the Autumn was the feeling of nostalgia that pervaded. While Broadway was celebrating the come-back of Youman's *No No Nannette* and reminiscing about the forties in *Follies*, Saint Michael's also returned to the past. Fashion had returned to past styles and it seemed that if you could find something old to wear you did, (the older, the better). On September 24 there was a real, old-fashioned pep-rally held on the Aiken Mall with all the fan fare of days gone bye.

During the summer the Vermont State legislature passed a law which allowed 18 year olds to drink, thus making Saint Michael's favorite past time a legal reality. It seemed in those first few weeks of school that the internationally known *Mill* was actually a part of the campus. It must be noted here that Saint Michael's students did not discriminate against any of the local establishments and many a Michaelman could be found on their premises at any given time.













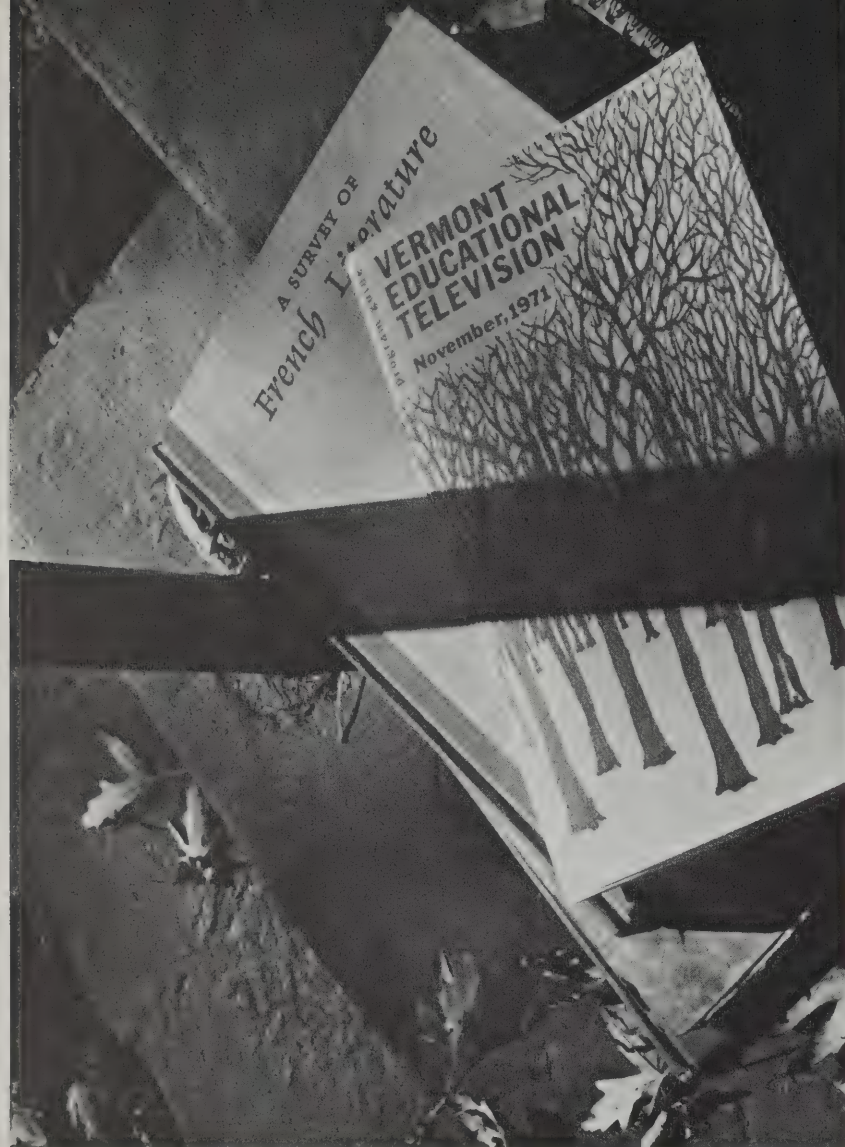
In October the rains came and put an end to the last days of summer which had somehow fought their way into the cool Vermont Autumn. The foliage was, as usual, beautiful; but came much later than was expected and passed much too quickly.

It was also in October that "Melanie" came to Saint Michael's and presented a somewhat different sort of concert to the "young moderns" of the "Queen City" area, and "Pasquino II" introduced a movie series to the usually filmless campus.

The high point of the month, however, was during the weekend of October 15. While the Persian Empire celebrated its founding in 539 B.C. by Cyrus the Great, "Michaelmen" could be found relaxing from the pressures of the intoxicating atmosphere of college life on a much needed and appreciated three day weekend.





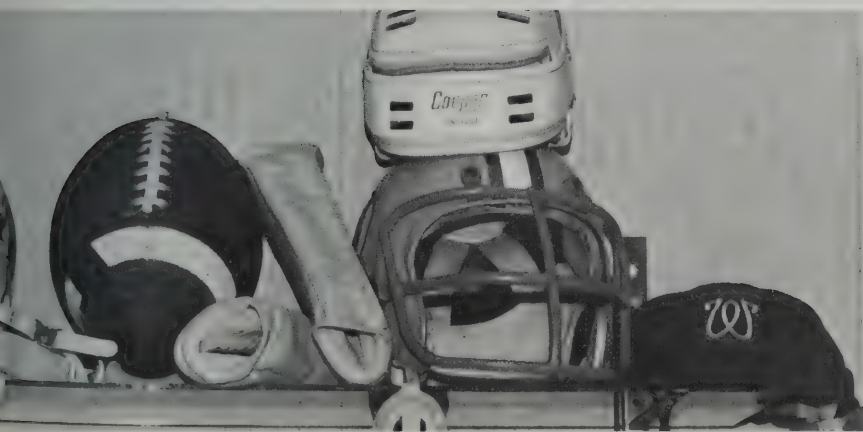


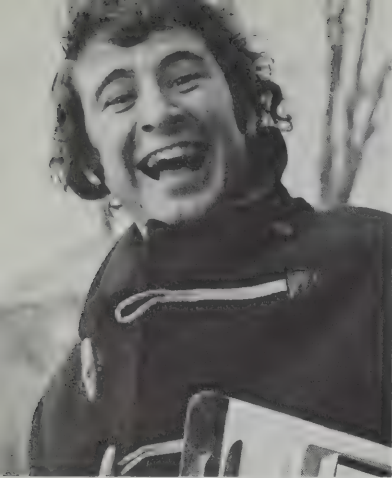


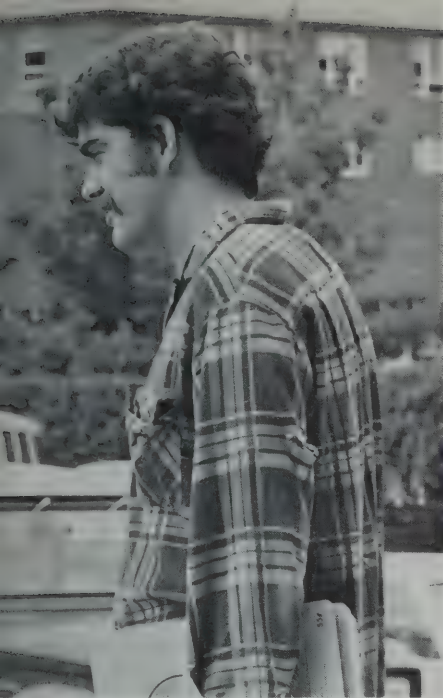
On Monday, 25 October, the political interests of Michaelmen were aroused by a most startling event in international affairs. The Red Chinese were voted into the United Nations. Speculation and discussion of the whole affair, however, was soon forgotten as quarterly exams descended upon the campus.

The late autumn was filled with the last remains of the foliage, Halloween parties for underprivileged children in the area, and the Fine Arts Department's production of *The Lady's not for Burning*. But the onslaught of winter could not be doubted. Snow had begun to fall, replacing the damp rains of Autumn and arousing the "skier" in every "Michaelperson". (St. Michael's?—Vermont?—Do you ski?)

The 20th of November brought "*Procol Harem*" to the campus and began the pre-Thanksgiving festivities. Of course, it goes without saying that the vacation exodus had begun as much as a week and a half before the registrar's office had intended.







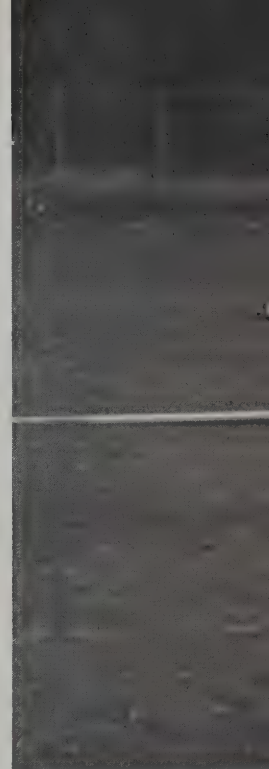
Thanksgiving was a most cherished vacation especially for us as students, and even more so as students in Vermont! It was the break between the relatively pleasant pace of school life and the nerve-racking exam season to come. But more importantly it was that last comfortable time before the everchanging Vermont climate bore down on the region with its unusually cold and bitter winter, forcing everyone (except, of course, skiers) and everything indoors in an attempt to avoid the brutality of the elements. When we returned the winter returned with us.





SOCCER

3-7-0





SOCCER

SMC

Opponent

0	Vermont	3
1	Plattsburg	4
3	Norwich	0
3	Middlebury	4
1	Saint Anselm's	2
0	Saint Lawrence	3
4	Norwich	0
4	North Adam's State	3
4	Castleton	5
0	Vermont	4





After compiling a fine rebuilding record of 4 wins and 6 losses during the 1970 season, the Saint Michael's soccer team tumbled to a very discouraging and dismal record of 3 wins and 7 losses during the 1971 campaign. What had been expected to be Saint Michael's greatest season in soccer did not, in fact, appear to be so.

The team arrived at school a full three weeks before the September 21 opening game against the University of Vermont. The weather was very warm during those first weeks of practice, but optimism prevailed through each session.

Such an attitude was suddenly shattered, however, when, in the opening game, the UVM booters defeated the "Knights" by a score of 3-0.

The score did not tell the whole story, and while the Catamounts led in goals, Saint Michael's did dominate the statistics, as was to be the case throughout the entire season.

In the next four games the team lost to Plattsburg, Middlebury, and Saint Anselm's and received but one win over Norwich University. At mid-season, then, the Knights had one win to show for all of their efforts. By this time the enthusiasm of the pre-season was lost and even a .500 season was seen as doubtful.

As had been predicted the second half of the season went almost as poorly for Saint Michael's as the first half did. There were but two wins against the already defeated Norwich Cadets and North Adams State.

While it was true that the SMC booters did make a poor showing on the "wins" column; it was equally true that the quality of soccer on the "hilltop" had never been better.

William Huff, who earned honorable mention on the All-State team and Richard Wright, Captain, led the returning senior contingent of Jack Adams, Phil Locario, Kurt Moll, and Fran Taginski. However the mainstem of the team was to be found in Juniors Jay Allen, Guy Minetti, Bruce Peterson and Ron Skelton who, unfortunately, were not able to reach their potential in "scoredom" this year. Darren Schneck and Steven Laverty played exceptionally well and will be joined by Sophomores William Langlands and Patrick Burnes and Freshmen Rick LeJoy and Tom Ackerly in providing the necessary depth for next year's team.

However, it is only keeping with the spirit of justice to give credit where credit is due and Freshman Fred Teberii certainly deserves it. For the past few years St. Michael's has been plagued by a critical lack of talent in the goal and, while only in his first year, Fred has certainly given evidence that such a gap will be filled in the years to come.







CROSS COUNTRY

5-3

Under the leadership of Coach Robert Pecor and team captain, Steve La Tulippe, the 1971 Fall edition of the Saint Michael's College cross-country "Harriers" was quite satisfying, ending with a respectable 5-3 season record. Although hampered by the small number of participants, injuries, travel difficulties, and the ever-unpredictable Vermont climate, Coach Pecor enjoyed considerable success in molding a team spirit that would overcome these and other hardships.

Realizing the need for a more experienced team, Pecor instituted a cross-country camp for the SMC "Harriers" during the Summer of 1970. Team members spent a week in Bristol and Lincoln Gap, Vermont, concentrating on hill work, mountain climbing, and long distance running. The camp was continued during the summer months of 1971, producing a small but determined team ready for the challenges of the Fall.

The "Harriers" started the season with three consecutive victories over Siena, St. Anselm's and Plattsburg respectively. These three meets

witnessed strong performances from Pete Laskarzewski, Bill Gaa, Don Regina and Steve Dowd. The SMC squad finished a disappointing fifth in the Plymouth (New Hampshire) Invitational Meet. A week later however, they came back strong and finished an impressive fourth in a 19 team field at the Merrimack Invitational.

A subsequent loss to a powerful UVM team at home was the first loss on the home course in two years. The "Harriers" ended the season with a victory over Johnson State with Laskarzewski establishing a new course record at the Vermont state college.

The 1972 cross-country team will be minus the talents of graduating seniors Steve La Tulippe and Steve "Fullboat" Dorsey, yet will have the strength of seasoned veterans, including captain-elect Laskarzewski, Bill Gaa, Steve Dowd, Don Regina, John Ellis and Bob Cody. Building on the strong foundation laid by Coach Pecor, the St. Mike's "Harriers" have the potential to rip up the cross-country courses of New England.





FOOTBALL

3-3-0



A lot of things happened both on and off the gridiron this year for the St. Michael's Club Football Team. First of all, the team became a member of the Eastern Collegiate Club Football Conference which was divided into the Colonial and Metropolitan Divisions.

From the outset of the season it appeared as if the Hilltop Knights were finally going to achieve due recognition for the outstanding job the coaches and players performed as the team remained in the running for the crown right up to the very end. With such returning starters as Ed Sabella, Al Becklo, Jim Sharpe, Scott Racicot, Steve Pollard, and Greg Stevens, and such able coaches as Captain Kenny, Coach Ali, Sandy Kish, and Ed (Rube) McDermott, it seemed as if the previous years of rebuilding had finally come to an apex.

After three short but arduous weeks of practice the team gave the student body a demonstration of their overall ability and desire as they triumphed over Lowell Technical, a non-conference participant, by a score of 41-13. In the second battle of the season, the team suffered a 6-0 defeat to Stonehill College as the Knights found it literally impossible to get the pigskin into the endzone. Coming off this defeat, the team again reestablished its position as a possible contender for the title as it handily crushed Assumption College by a score of 24-0. This win was soon followed by another triumph at the hands of stubborn Western New England College team as the Knights put it all together for a 14-0 win.

The Hartford game came as a serious setback to the hopes of the team for any chance at a shot for the title as the Purple Knights found themselves on the losing end of the rope as they were decidedly set down by the score of 28-6. Nevertheless, with this in mind the entire team went into the final game of the season with Providence with the objective of salvaging the season by knocking off the number one ranked team. At the completion of this day, though, the Purple Knight's left the field of battle with not one but two defeats, a 15-0 loss to Providence, and a very serious casualty to one of the "unsung heroes" of the team, Peter "Buck" Healy. Buck suffered the misfortune of being injured in the very first play of the game, but even with this in mind the Knights were still unable to overcome the superb performance of the Providence club.

The Purple Knights, unhappily, finished the season with a 3-3 overall record and a 2-3 record in the Colonial Division of the ECCFC. But these records are in no way any type of indication of the type of team that St. Michael's should be more than proud of. It was not until the selection of outstanding players that the Purple Knights received the recognition they deserved as they placed two players on the all-conference team, Peter Farley (offense), John Misiaszek (defense), and placed 6 players on the divisional team, Kevin Tobin, John Misiaszek, Al Becklo (defense), and Peter Farley, Ed Sabella, and Jim Sharpe (offense). But teams are not solely composed of individuals and the St. Michael's Club Football team of 1971-72 should be looked upon as a cohesive unit which was fortunate enough to have such outstanding athletes who seemed to live and play with the ideal that the word "team" is not spelled with "i".



FOOTBALL

SMC		Opponent
41	Lowell Tech	13
0	Stonehill	6
24	Assumption	0
14	Western New England	0
6	Hartford	28
0	Providence	15



THE ONSET

Always the same, when on a fated night
At last the gathered snow lets down as white
As may be in dark woods, and with a song
It shall not make again all winter long
Of hissing on the yet uncovered ground,
I almost stumble looking up and round.
As one who overtaken by the end
Gives up his errand, and lets death descend
Upon him where he is, with nothing done
To evil, no important triumph won,
More than if life had never been begun.

Yet all the precedent is on my side:
I know that winter death has never tried
The earth but it has failed: the snow may heap
In long storms an undrifted four feet deep
As measured against maple, birch, and oak,
It cannot check the peeper's silver croak;
And I shall see the snow all go down hill
In water of a slender April rill
That flashes tail through last year's withered brake
And dead weeds, like a disappearing snake.
Nothing will be left white but here a birch,
And there a clump of houses with a church.

Robert Frost



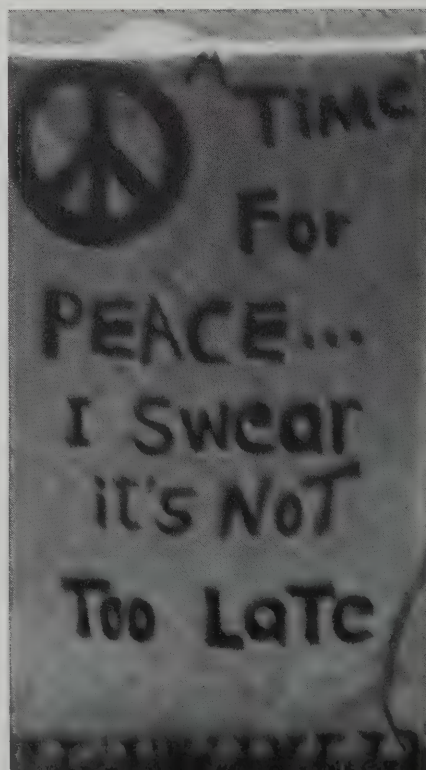
For many the Thanksgiving recess had been their first visit home; yet for others it was probably a most dreaded affair due to the fact that the registrar always seemed to find it convenient to send academic notices right before vacations. Thus, when everyone finally returned from the all too short break in the routine, Saint Michael's became, for a time, a very academic-conscious institution. Exams, which were in the not too distant future, and deadlines for papers (especially senior theses) seemed to spur students on to new heights in learning. (What are you doing here, in the library???)

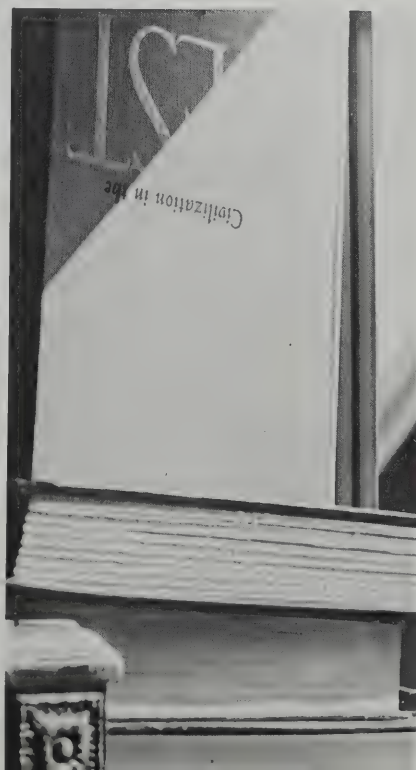
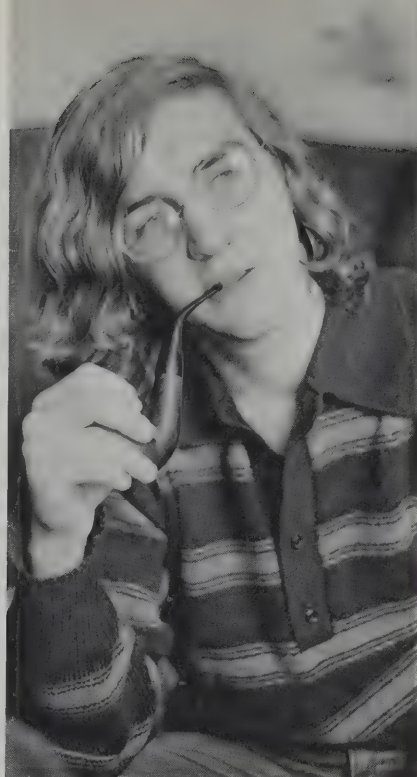
It must be noted that the students at Saint Michael's have the unique quality of being able to laugh at the face of doom and that no amount of academic pressure could ever sway them from participating in their cherished rounds of fun. If anything must be said for their disposition, Michaelmen are, and probably always will be, ever on the alert for "the good time." And so, even during the last weeks of the semester, there were Christmas parties, beers at the Mill, and even a wedding or two.

The most exciting and encouraging facet of this final part of the semester was the 6 December opening of the Basketball season against Middlebury College and the Knights' first three successive victories. Such an occurrence was deemed remarkable by many of the students and hence enthusiasm and an almost lost "Michaelmen spirit" returned once again to the "hilltop."

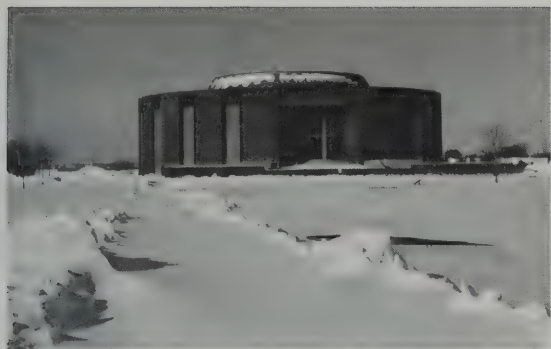
It was also at this time, however, that Saint Michael's experienced a sense of loss. On 13 December Father Edmund Hamel, S.S.E. passed away after having served both the Society of Saint Edmund and the college for almost half a century. Surely such dedication cannot go overlooked.

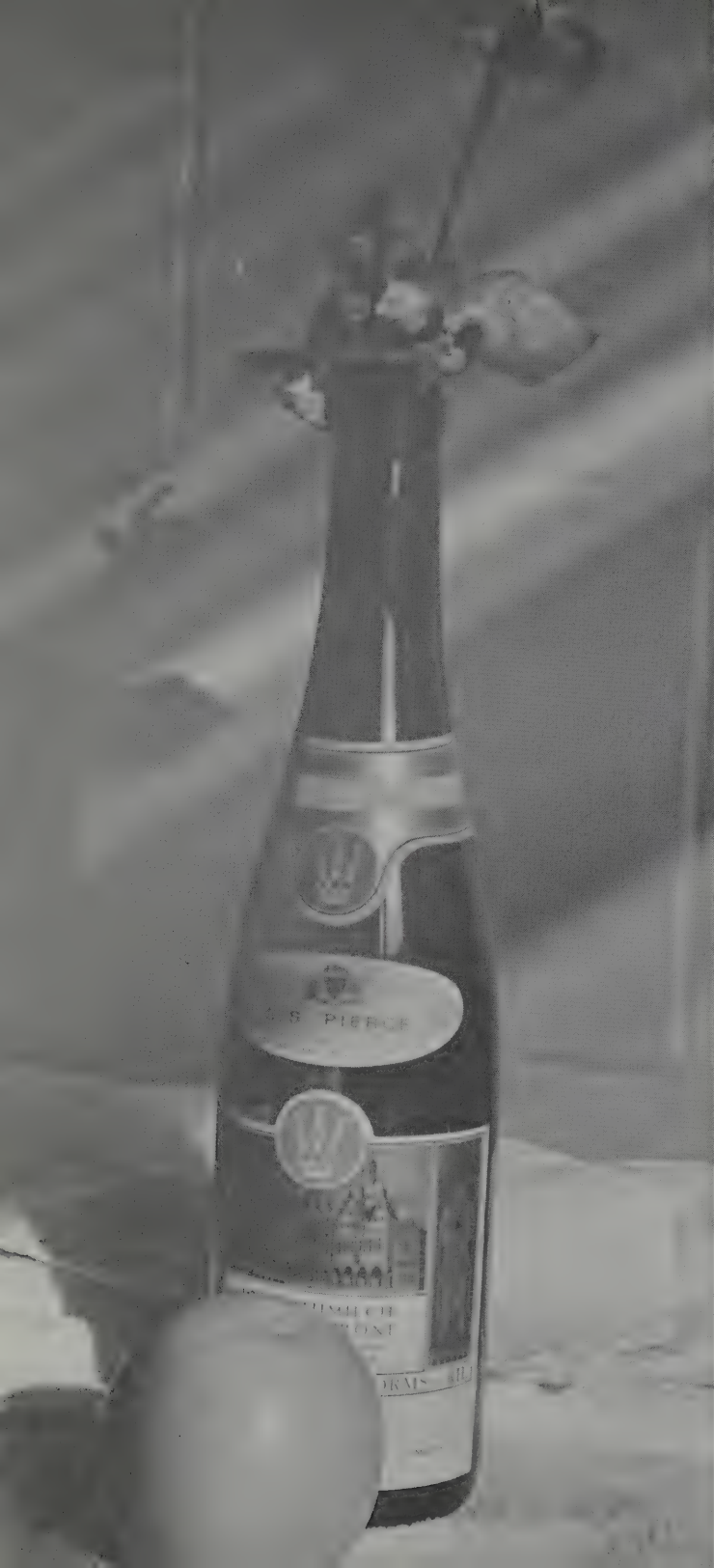
But soon classes had ended, exams had begun, and for many the Christmas vacation was no longer a dream but a reality. The first semester had seemed to pass quickly and there was nothing left to do except enjoy the five week holiday. Those who were either fortunate, or industrious, enough found employment while other luckier souls filled in their time by traveling (usually visiting friends at other schools that were not on vacation). The majority of the "Mike Town community," however, spent their time in the sack, in front of the tube, and at their favorite, neighborhood hangouts. Such an existence could only be endured for so long, and thus, when the five weeks had passed, practically everyone was ready and willing to return to "the college".











It has been said that "the winter of 1972 was the most poorly planned winter in recent memory" and it is probably true. It was not a question of not having enough cold weather because certainly the "Right Bank" of the Winooski received its fair share. (There are some who would insist that the winter was too cold; but that, of course, is personal opinion.) The problem existed in the form of snow. There just wasn't any skiing at all. You just couldn't depend on Vermont's undependable weather. In years past weather predictions could be summed up on one word—SNOW.

In February, seniors finished up their applications to graduate and professional schools, and began the weekly chore of visiting recruiters in the hope of having some direction after graduation. Due to the economic situation, however, many Michaelmen found that jobs were almost non-existent and therefore graduate schools were over crowded and highly selective.

The winter months were plagued by the senseless burning of some of Burlington's most beautiful buildings. To the horror of Burlington area residents, arsonists were able to provide the "Queen City" with the look of post-World War II London.





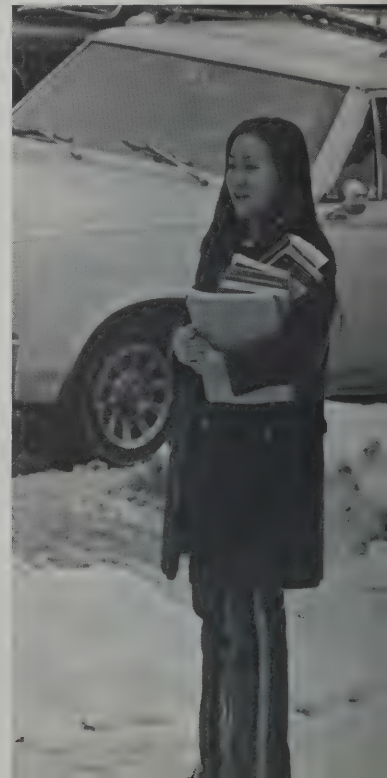




On a more positive note, many of the “Mike Towners” were fortunate enough to participate in the “Winter Carnival” in Quebec City. As the French Canadian Catholics prepared for the season of Lent, fun-seeking Vermonters were able to participate in their inebriating festivities.

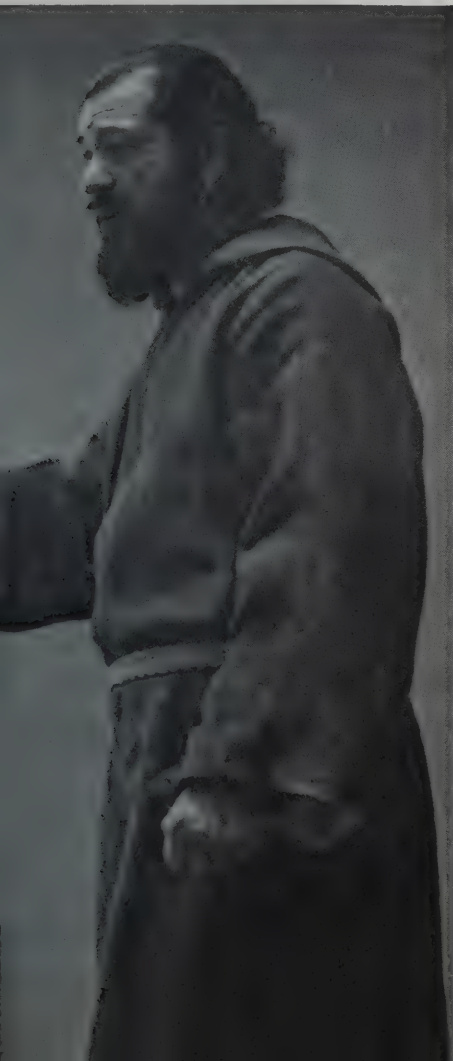
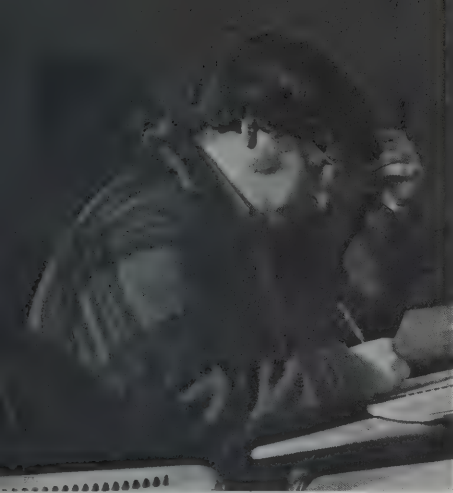
In mentioning Lent, another related topic comes to mind immediately. In February the campus was alive with a renewed interest in religion when a man calling himself “Brother Julius” came to St. Michael’s and declared that he was indeed Christ himself.

In early March the College went on a ten-day vacation during which many of the students jetted, hitched, or drove to a wide range of destinations with one common direction—Warmer Weather!









Those who returned from the vacation had but another eight days of classes until school closed for Easter. In many parts of the country Spring had already begun, but as was usually the case, Easter finery in Vermont still retained the look of winter. However, when Easter Break was over, there was no doubt that the drama of "Spring in Vermont" would begin on schedule.



BASKETBALL

12-11-0





The 1971-72 version of the Saint Michael's College basketball team ended with a somewhat controversial record of 12 wins and 11 losses. At the beginning of the season, the campus community was full of great expectations for the success of the team and there were high hopes for SMC victories at the NCAA Regionals and perhaps even Evansville. This unabashed optimism at the "hilltop" was motivated by the return of the entire starting team supported by a strong bench—all of whom had fond memories of winning the last 8 out of 11 games the previous season. As the record shows, the season proved to be quite demoralizing, with both the team and the coaching staff coming under considerable criticism.

The team started the season as though the build-up it had received was justified. In the home opener the Knights defeated Middlebury by an 83-70 score showing an evenly balanced attack. At this point however, Bill Pattison, a starter, and freshman John Lanchantin were stricken with "mono" and this severely hurt them the rest of the year. Next came Stonehill, away, and the Purple Knights of SMC, although sloppy at times, won 97-90 as Bob Tetreault and Bob Toner led the scoring. In what was probably the most explosive and dominating game of the year, the team blew off Merrimack by a 123-105 score. Again Bob Toner, with help from Gene Cizynski and Fran Laffin, led the way. At this time, St. Michael's was ranked third in New England and it seemed that every game was producing a better performance than the previous one.

On to Eire, Pennsylvania and the Gem City Tournament, the Knights drew St. Francis (Loretto) in the first round and despite a 111-90 loss, they looked good against the powerful Frankies. Bob Tetreault had a great game before fouling out and Mike Balzano's tremendous defensive job on Kevin Porter clearly showed that St. Mike's had to be considered a top contender. The following night against St. Francis (New York) the Knights won handily 95-69 as Tom Obbagy came off the bench and sparked the victory.

The team then travelled to AIC and came up with what everyone thought to be an "off-night" by losing 112-80. Maine appeared next at the Auditorium and the Knights beat a strong team 95-98 as Fran Laffin who had been slowed with an injured hand early in the season, led the scoring. In what was tabbed as a crucial game in the pre-season predictions, the SMC squad was badly defeated by Sacred Heart 133-90. St. Lawrence followed suit by defeating the Knights 97-78. After leading Middlebury by 18 points at halftime, the team managed to lose the hefty advantage in the second half, barely winning in the end by a score of 82-76. Back on the home court, Northeastern University defeated the Knights in a very physical game with a score of 86-68. By this time, the team, as well as the fans, were in a state of despair and disillusionment.

After the extended Christmas break, and with the student body back in session, hopes were rekindled as the Knights met the Catamounts of UVM in a repeat of last year's thriller. Staging a torrid second half comeback after being down by 18 points at the half, the SMC basketball team defeated the Cats 84-78. Coming out with an explosive full court press led by Mike Balzano, Tom Obbagy, and Bob Toner, the Knights repeatedly stole the ball and completely baffled the home town rivals of UVM.

On the road again however, the Knights were defeated by Siena College with the humiliating score of 120-74. Certainly, any hopes for post-season tournament action were beginning to seem ludicrous. A home game against St. Anselm's brought an 80-72 victory for St. Mike's largely through Bob Tetreault's rebounding and Tom Obbagy's fine shots from the outside.

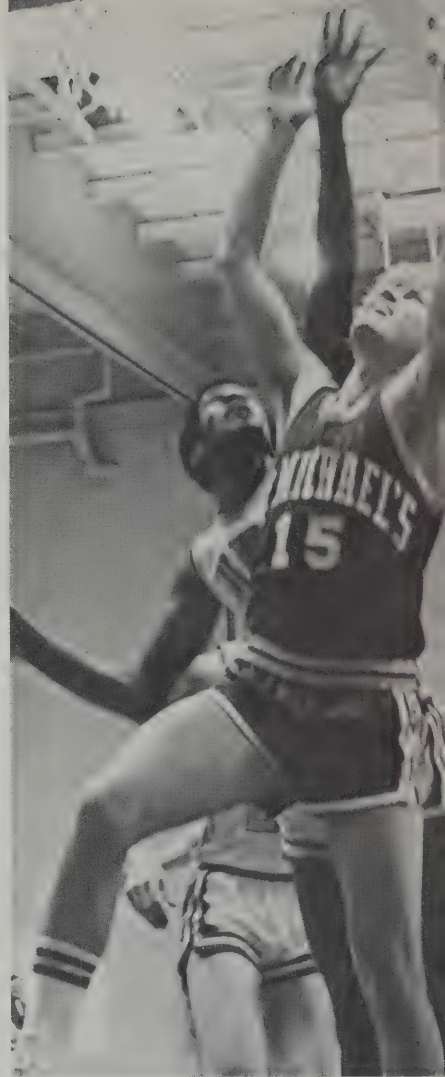
Characteristic of this very frustrating season was the game with Norwich University. The Cadets from Northfield fought the Purple Knights every inch of the way, with St. Mike's winning by a scant two points, 91-89. Next on the agenda came Springfield College and a 95-85 loss for the "hilltoppers" despite a brilliant 39 point performance by Fran Laffin and a steady rebounding effort by Jim Gestwicki. Attempting to break the "Away game loser syndrome," The Hustling Saint Mike's b-ball squad was crushed by LeMoyne with an impressive score of 95-64. Back home again against Norwich, the Knights won 111-98 as Fran Laffin had another big game. In the next contest, the team was up against top-ranked Assumption and although defeated 98-84, the overall performance was quite respectable, giving the boys from Worcester a good run for their money. Toner and Laffin both played exceptionally well in the losing cause. In the final away game of the season, Central Connecticut pulled out a 78-76 win despite an excellent defensive job by "Goose" Gestwicki.

With the prospect of having a losing season record of 10-11, the Knights won the last two games to finish at 12-11. Clarkson was handily beaten by an 89-73 score and in the season's finale, an all-senior squad of Pattison, Balzano, Obbagy, Gestwicki and Tetreault led the Knights to a 96-90 victory over a very strong Bridgeport team. Once again Fran Laffin played a starring role with another 30 point game.



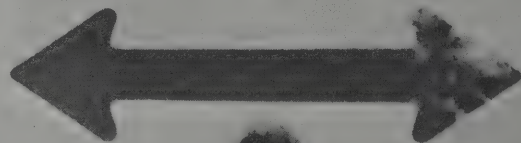
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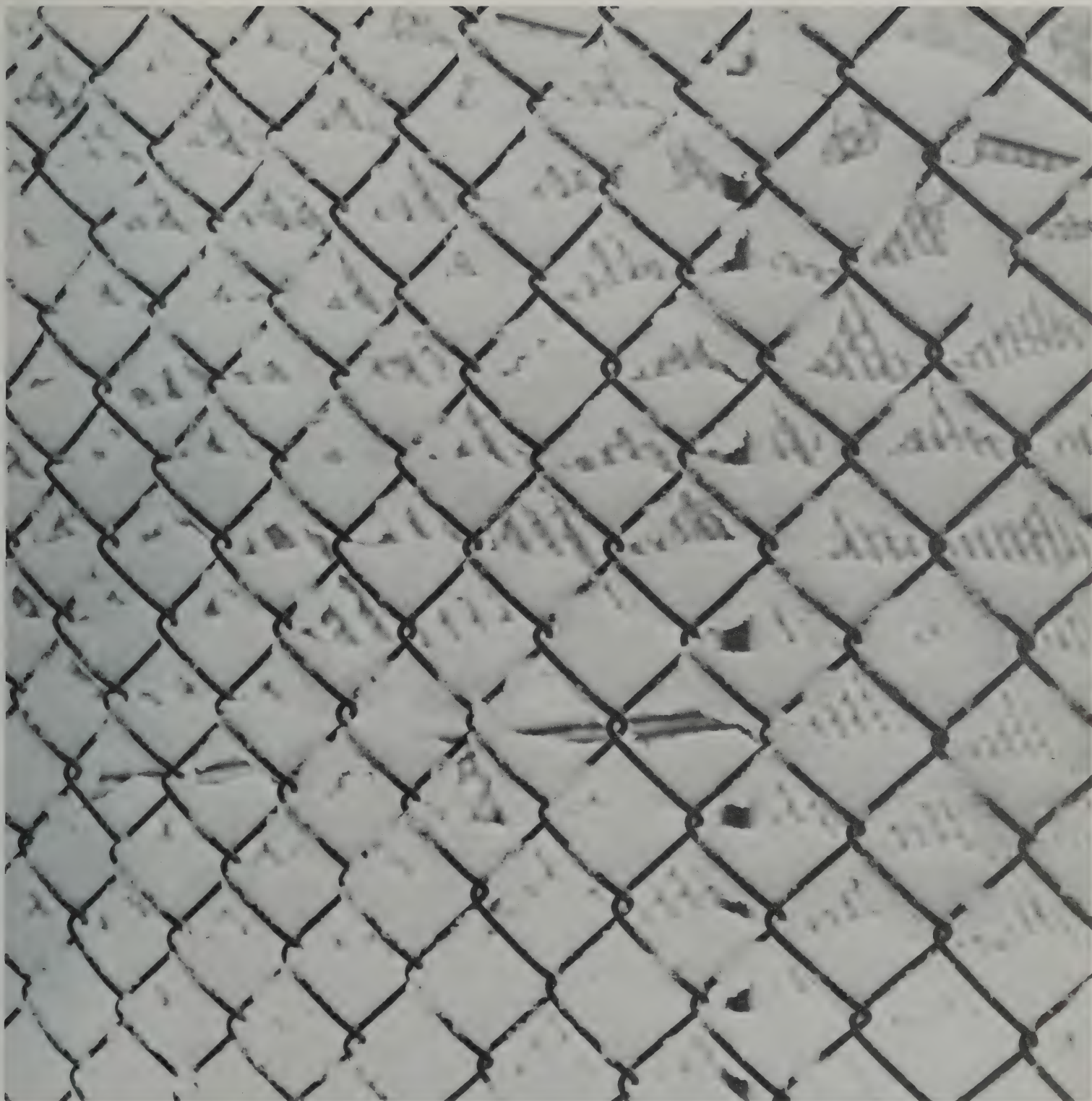
SMC		Opponent
83	Middlebury	70
97	Stonehill	90
123	Merrimack	105
90	St. Francis, Pa.	111
95	St. Francis, N.Y.	69
80	AIC	112
95	Maine	88
	90S.H.U.	133
78	S.L.U.	97
83	Middlebury	76
68	Northeastern	86
84	Vermont	78
74	Siena	120
80	St. Anselm	72
91	Norwich	89
85	Springfield	97
64	LeMoyne	95
111	Norwich	98
84	Assumption	99
71	Vermont	73
76	CCSC	78
89	Clarkson	73
96	Bridgeport	90





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HOCKEY

4-5-0



Last season, St. Michael's Hockey team, coached by Louis DuHamel and led by captains Kevin Ross and Jim Gallagher got off to a promising start by winning it's season opener over Plattsburg State. The first line of Bob Morgan, Andy Michaud and Jim Gallagher was showing great scoring potential. Backing them up was a solid sophomore line of Serg Bonneau, Gary Martin and Greg Woods. The Knights, a relatively young club, were somewhat inexperienced, especially with regard to defense. Captain Kevin Ross along with Freddie Marcoux, Jerry McArdle and Tom Dunn gave good, solid checking. Tommy McNamara was back in the nets this year and again did an outstanding job of stopping the puck.

Soon after winning the season opener the Knights soon faced off with a very strong Norwich University team and all hopes for a perfect season quickly ended. Things still looked bright though for the hard fighting team; yet after a long layoff and coupled with the loss of a few talented players the bright hopes soon began to fade. St. Mike's still had to face Norwich again and two very tough Junior B teams from Canada and New York. The long season now began to look even longer. After five losses in a row the team began to come back. They beat Johnston State twice and defeated Plattsburg State again finishing off the season with a 4-5-0 record.







A HILLSIDE THAW

To think to know the country and not know
The hillside on the day the sun lets go
Ten million silver lizards out of snow!
As often as I've seen it done before
I can't pretend to tell the way it's done.
It looks as if some magic of the sun
Lifted the rug that bred them on the floor
And the light breaking on them made them run.
But if I thought to stop the wet stampede,
And caught one silver lizard by the tail,
And put my foot on one without avail,
And threw myself wet-elbowed and wet-kneed
In front of twenty other's wiggling speed,—
In the confusion of them all aglitter,
And birds that joined in the excited fun
By doubling and redoubling song and twitter,
I have no doubt I'd end by holding none.

It takes the moon for this. The sun's a wizard
By all I tell; but so's the moon a witch.
From the high west she makes a gentle cast
And suddenly, without a jerk or twitch,
She has her spell on every single lizard.
I fancied when I looked at six o'clock
The swarm still ran and scuttled just as fast.
The moon was waiting for her chill effect.
I looked at nine: the swarm was turned to rock
In every lifelike posture of the swarm,
Transfixed on mountain slopes almost erect.
Across each other and side by side they lay.
The spell that so could hold them as they were
Was wrought through trees without a breath of storm
To make a leaf, if there had been one, stir.
It was the moon's: she held them until day,
One lizard at the end of every ray.
The thought of my attempting such a stay!

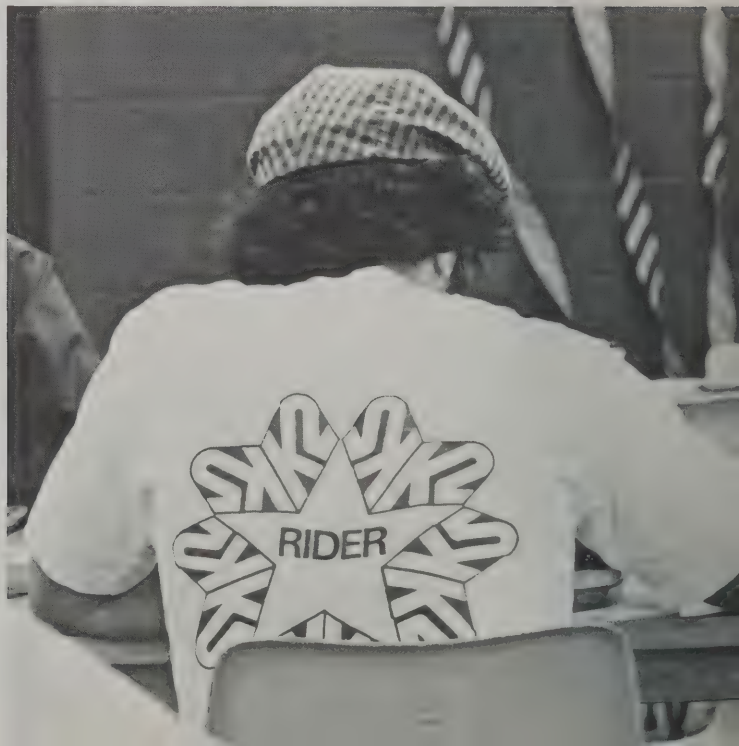
Robert Frost



Upon returning from Easter the harsh realization that the Vermont climate did not adjust itself for the holidays was all too clear. Much of the snow which had been lacking in the winter months now fell in early April. This, of course, attests to Dr. Foley's contention that "you can't win; you can only break even".

The student body became culturally aware by means of the Drama Department's production of "A Cry of Players" by William Gibson. While it is true that such an interest in drama may have stemmed from the risqué nature of the play and its performance on such a conservative campus as Saint Michael's, it is equally true that the theater goers were also confronted by a display of excellent acting. Enough cannot be said about the fine job Mr. and Mrs. Rathgeb have done with drama at S.M.C.

When the weather finally did clear up and the temperature approached 50° the minds of "Miketown" turned away from their books in favor of more athletic pastimes. In the Saint Michael's tradition the grounds were once again transformed to take on the appearance of a rehabilitation center. Varsity baseball, tennis and golf were of course, to be expected; but there were even more additions to the field of sport this spring. Rugby was introduced while "Schneck's freaky Lacross players" dazzled the crowds in their opening and closing games.











Meanwhile the remainder of the student body participated in endless softball games on "Durick field", puttered around with golf clubs, attempted tennis and began hiking or cycling outside the walls of St. Michael's. Some braver souls even participated in the not so famous Winooski raft race. But whatever the activity people were bound and determined to get out and do something after a long winter's rest.

Our "coeducationalists" were involved in the spirit of "doing something" as well. On 21 April, due to their efforts, St. Michael's enjoyed a successful, well-planned dinner dance, the sort of affair that had not even been attempted in over two years.

The greatest phenomenon of the season, however, was P-Day. Usually the college staged "the show" on the main campus near the dorms and other buildings. This year the event was moved to the open fields across the street from the campus with remarkable success. Damage was almost nihil and a better time could not have been had. Beer flowed like water and the weather was cool, clear and crisp. One significant point of the day was that Trinity was still able to defeat the co-eds in the tug-o-war. (A sure sign that coeducation at Saint Michael's has a long way to go.)



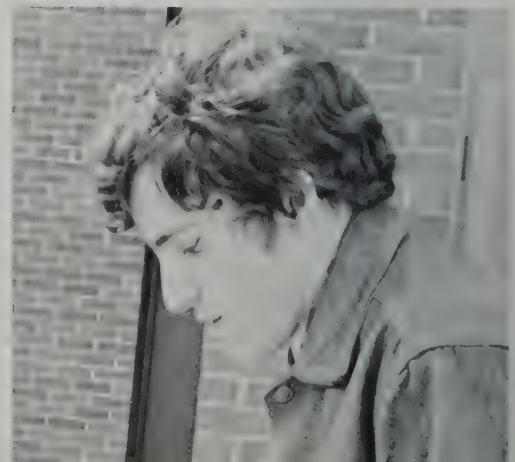
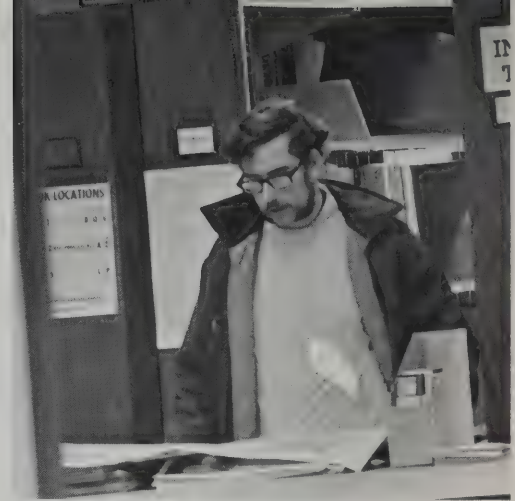






Almost without warning final exams fell upon the campus. For some they presented no problems, while for others they brought sheer disaster. But whatever their outcome they also brought with them the close of another year at Saint Michael's. On 13 May school officially ended and the campus sank into summary languors once more.

If 1972 must be remembered for anything it must be that it was "peaceful". There were no protests or violent uprisings for student power. The weather was basically mild (when one recalls past years). Admissions were up. And an almost "collegiate" atmosphere began to sneak its way back into the life-style of Saint Michael's.



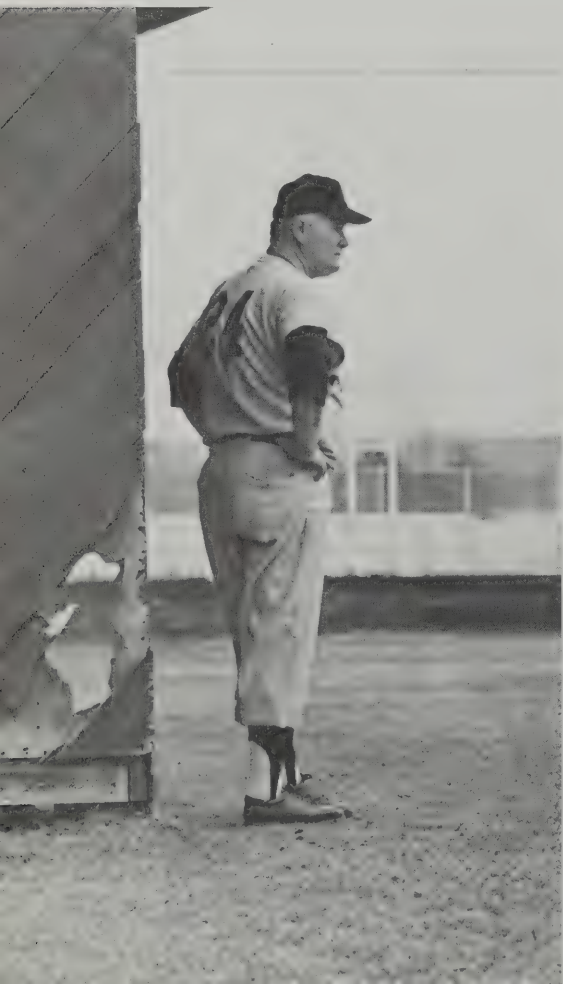


Of course there's always someone who will reminisce about the food and wake memories of uncooked veal and cold eggs or another who will remind us of the water shortage in the early months of school. But the majority of Michaelmen will only remember the good times and when confronted with bad ones will respond with a casual "Who cares? I'm outa here!" And this is the truth.



BASEBALL

SMC		Opponents
18	PLATTSBURG	4
9	PLATTSBURG	4
5	CLARKSON	1
5	CLARKSON	2
3	NORWICH	9
4	SAINT LAWRENCE	3
0	SAINT LAWRENCE	3
0	MIDDLEBURY	11
8	SIENA	7
3	SIENA	9
4	NORTH ADAMS	9
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2	LOWELL TECH	3

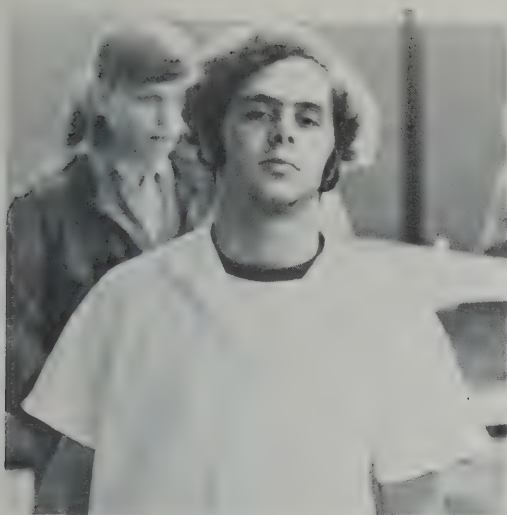








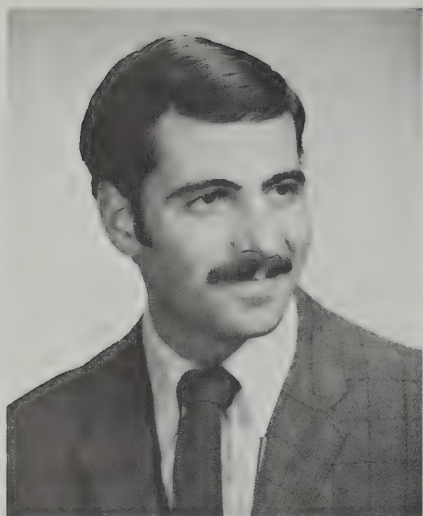




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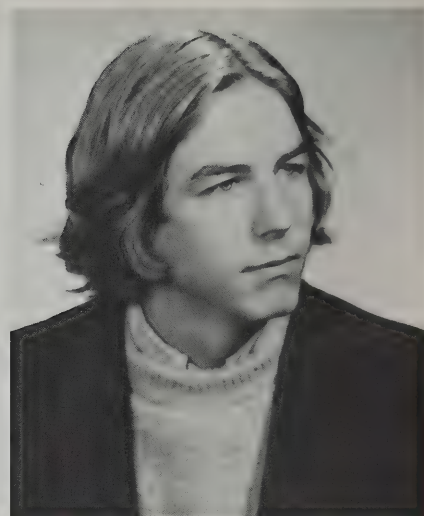




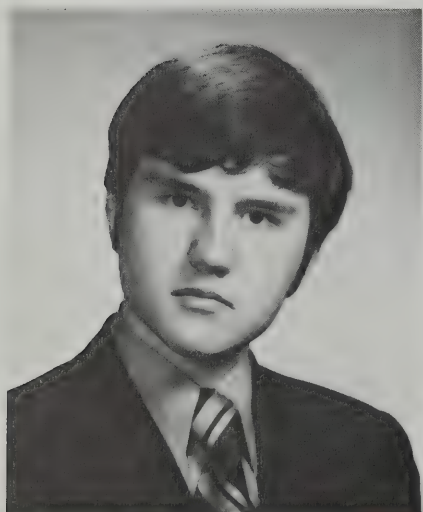
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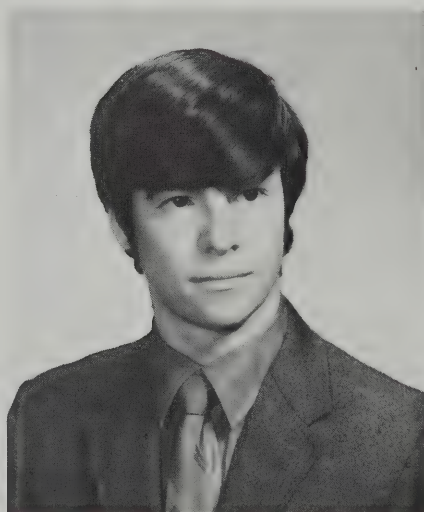
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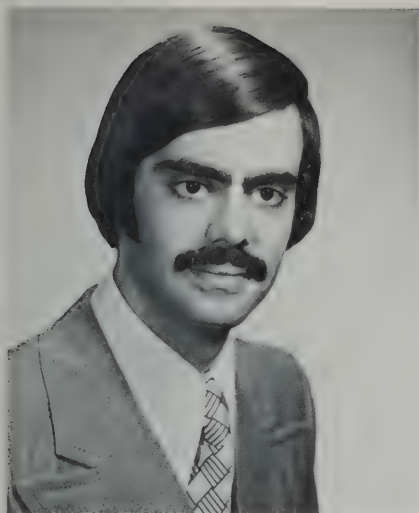
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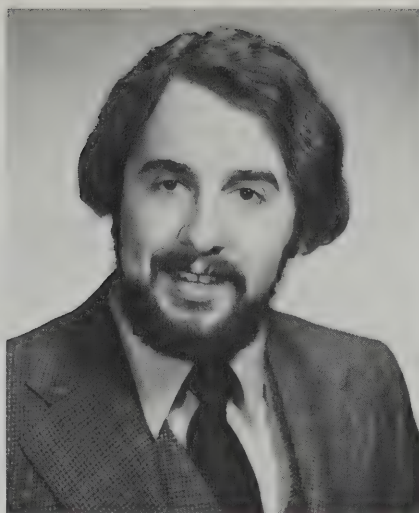
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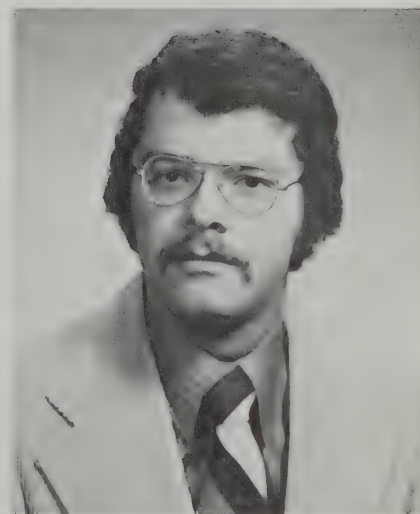
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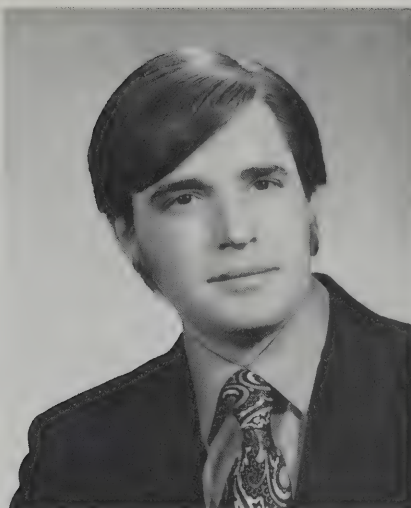


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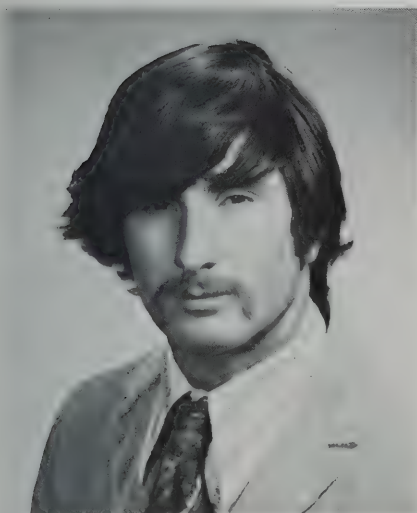
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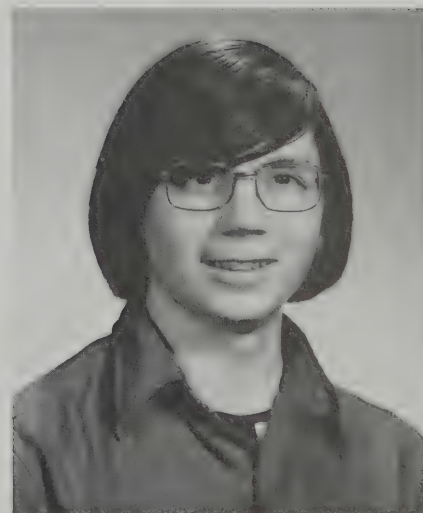
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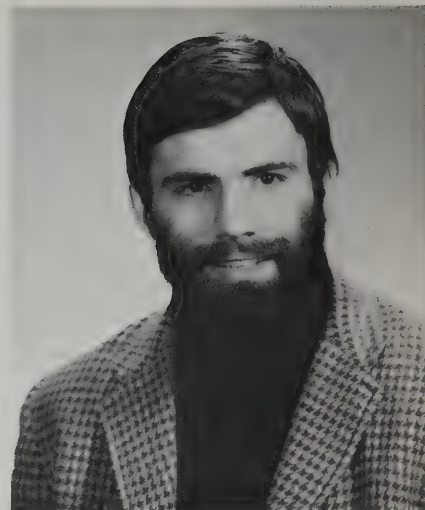
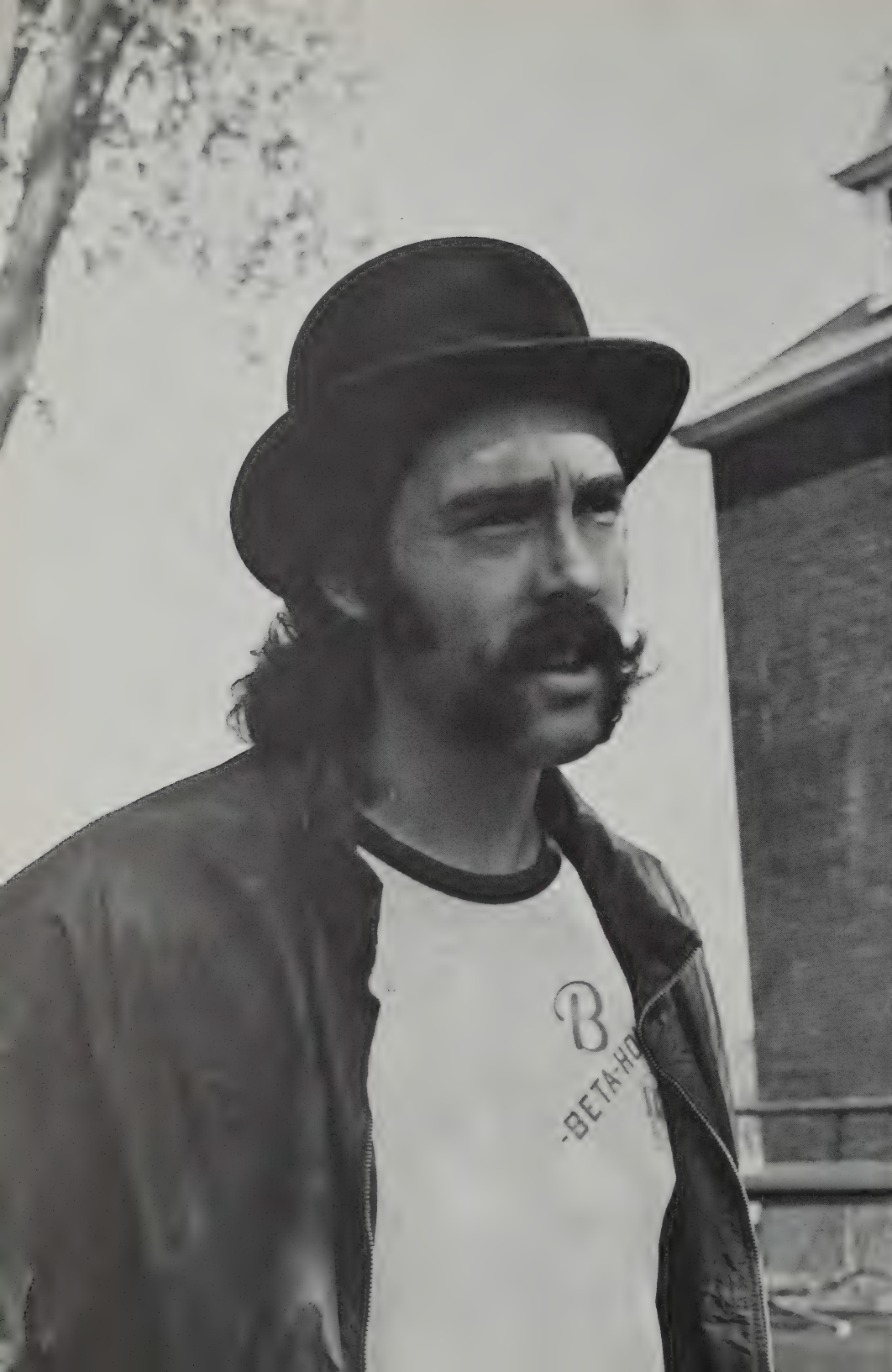
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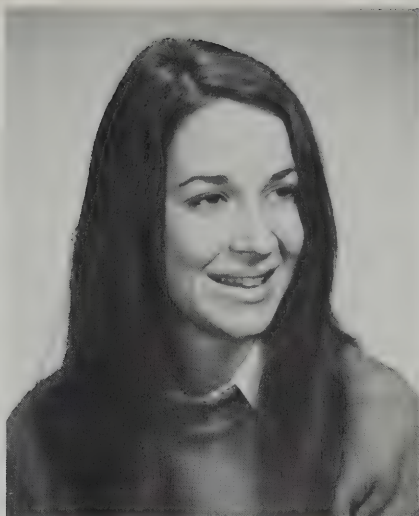
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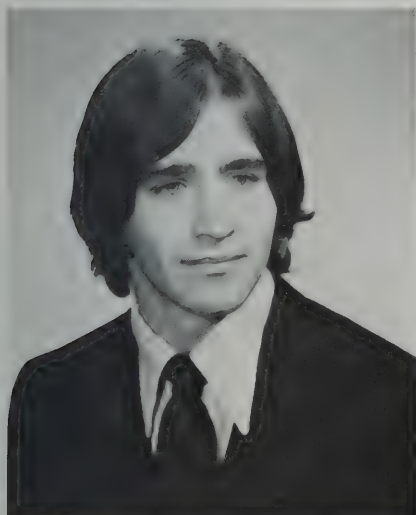
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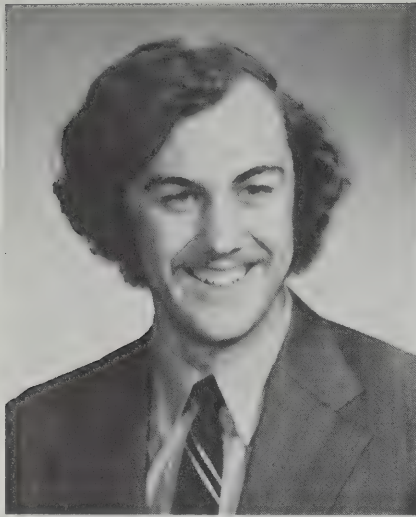


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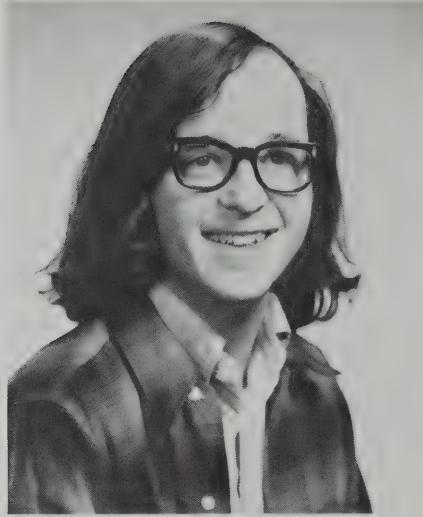


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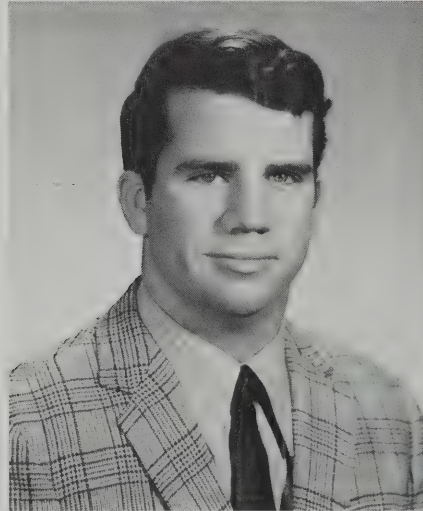
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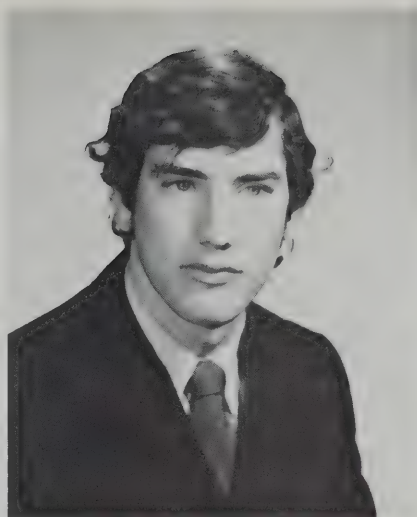


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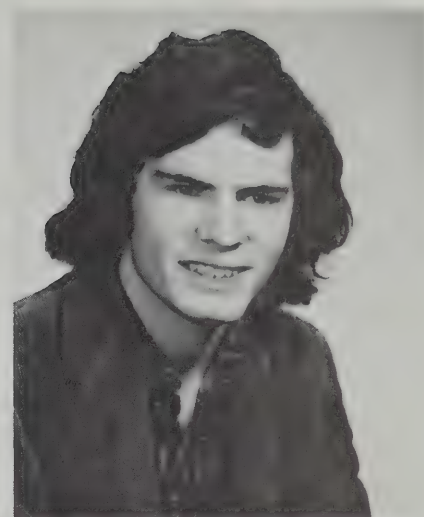


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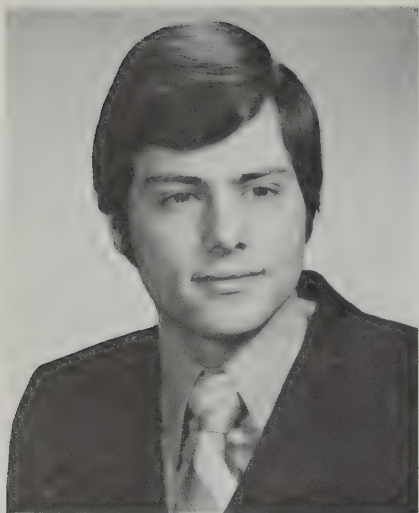
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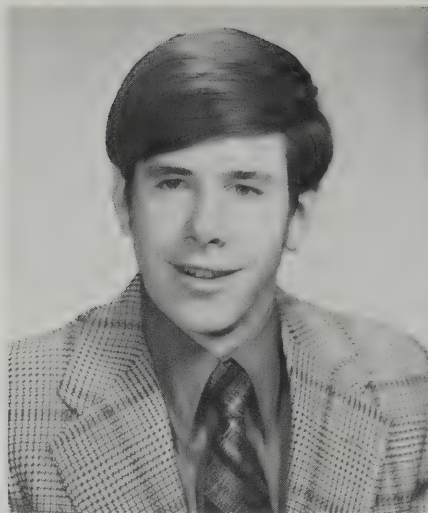
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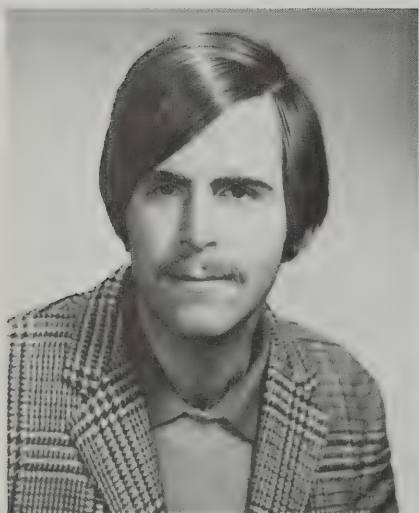
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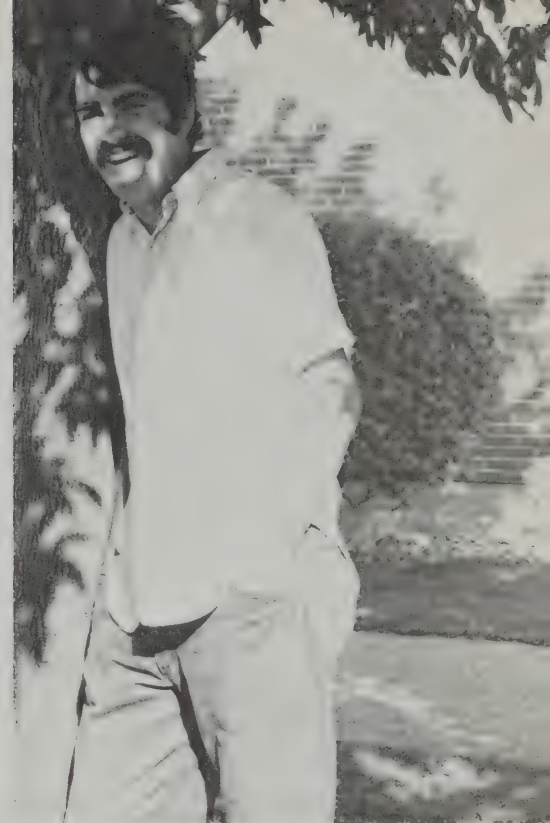
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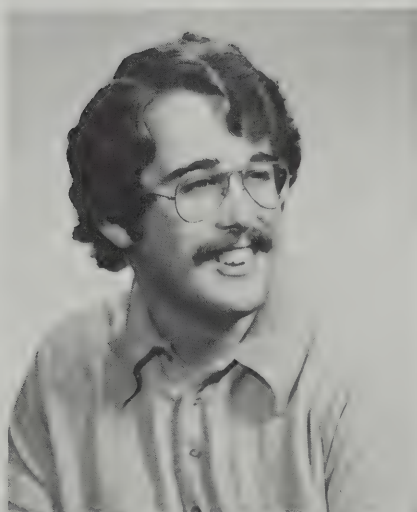
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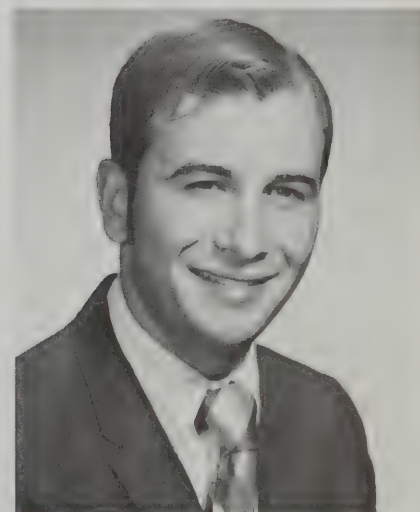
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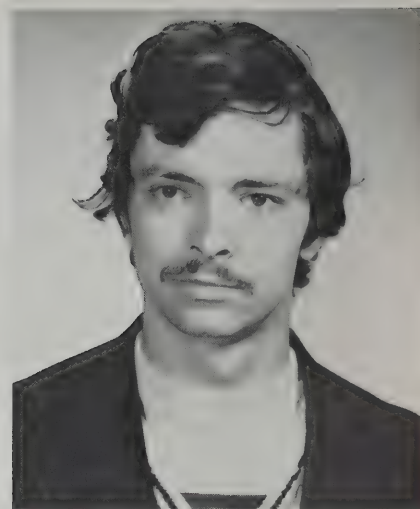
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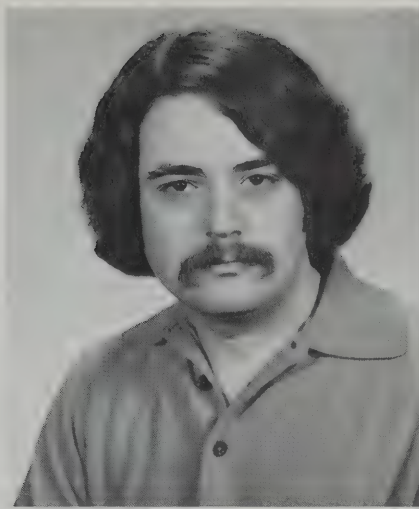
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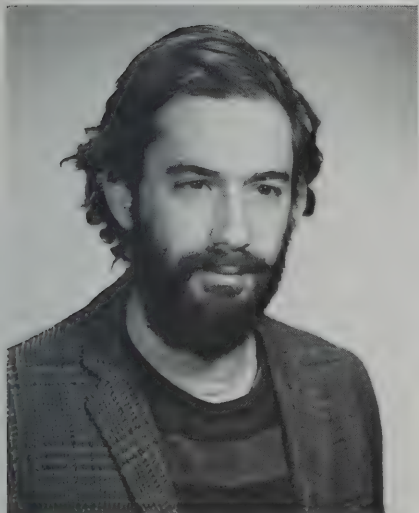
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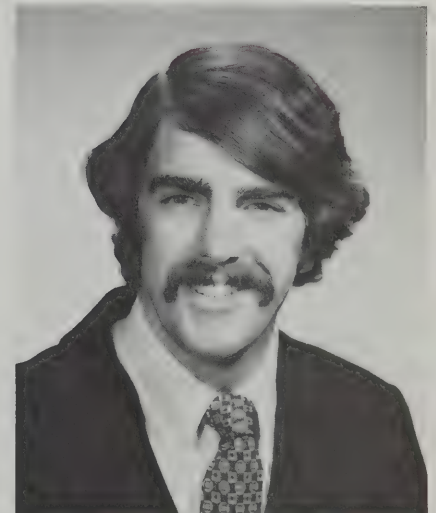
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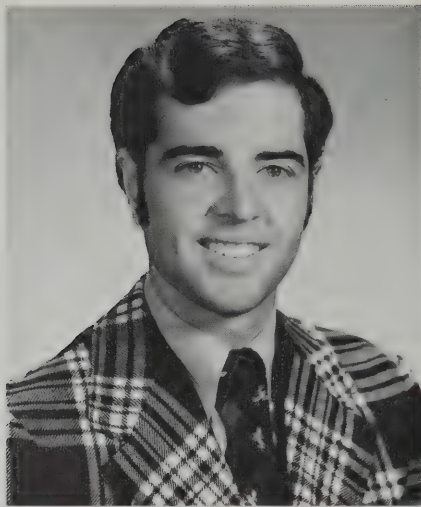
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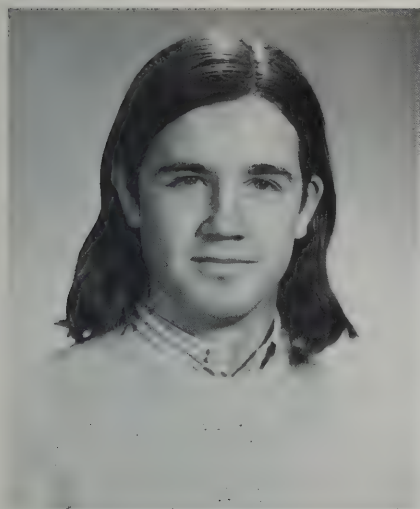
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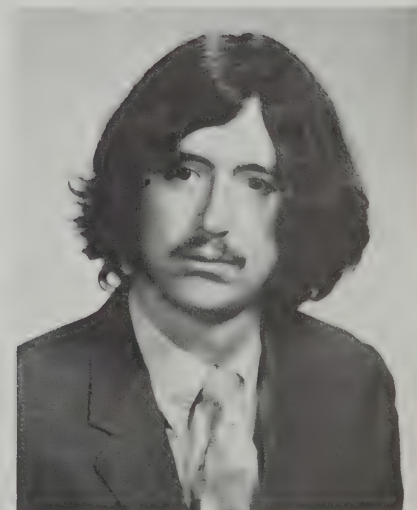
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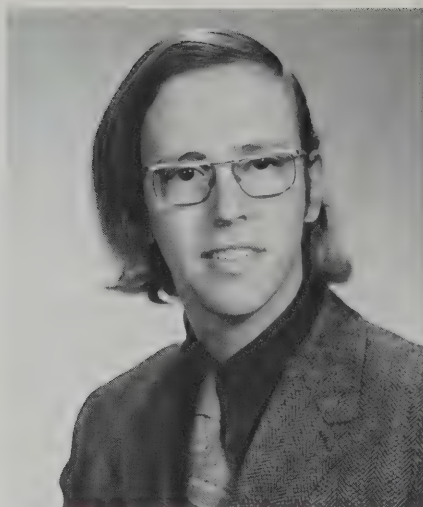
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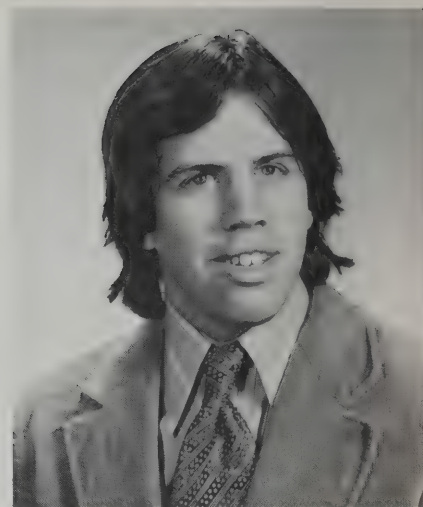
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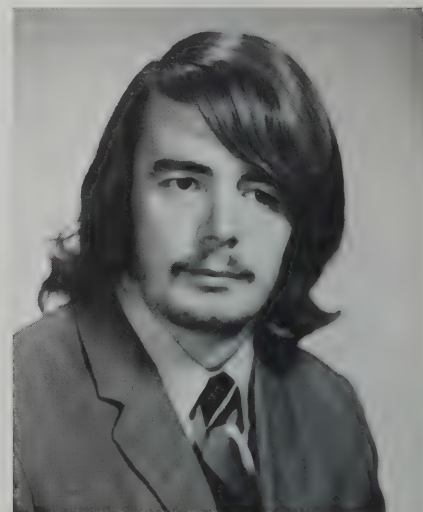
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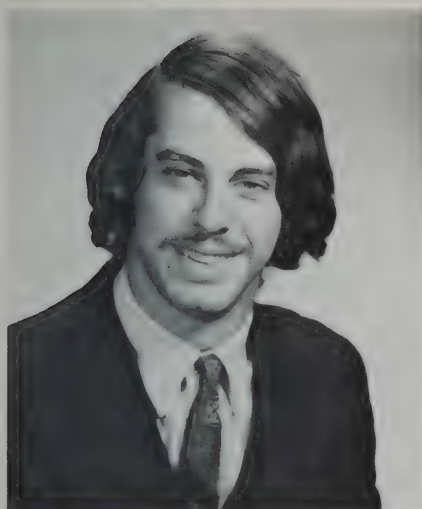


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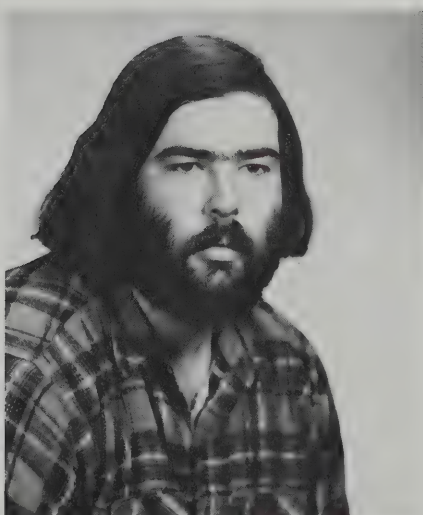
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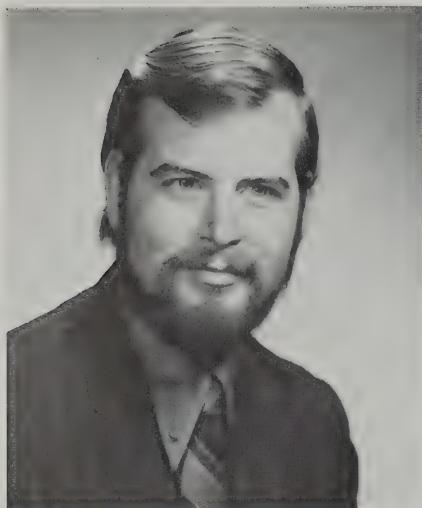


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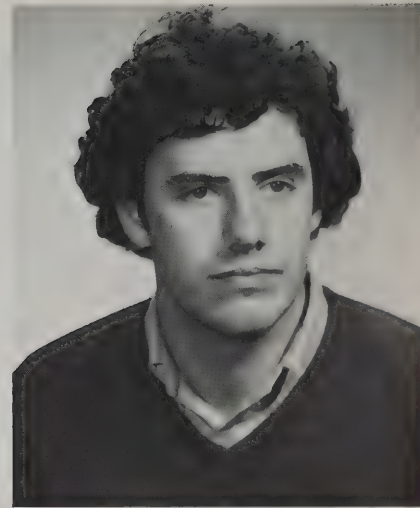




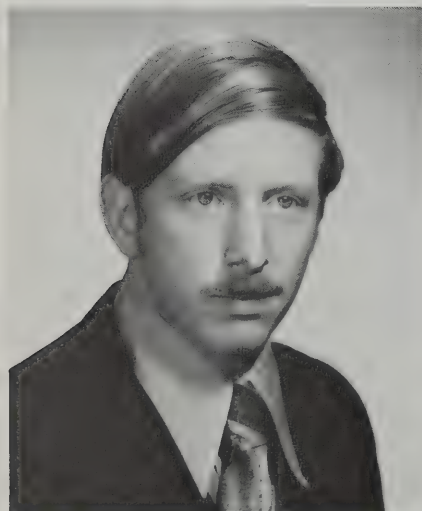
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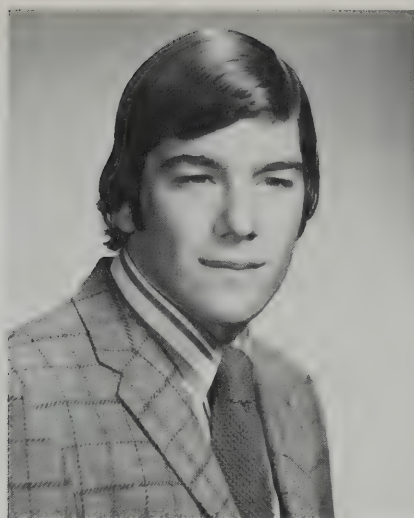
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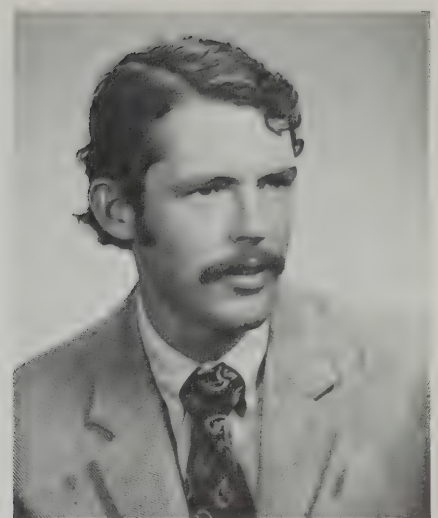
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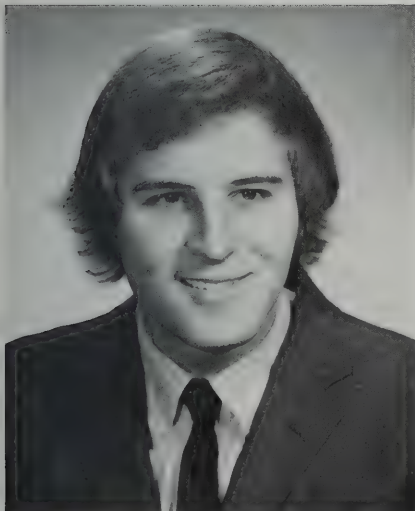
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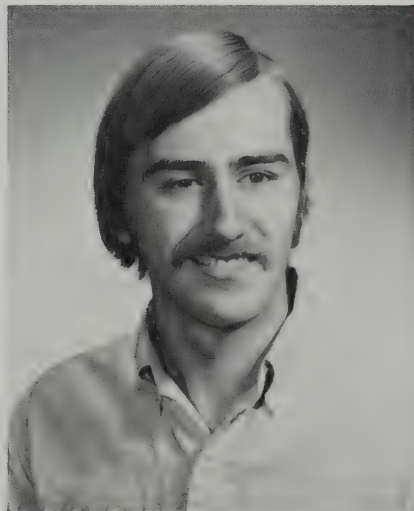
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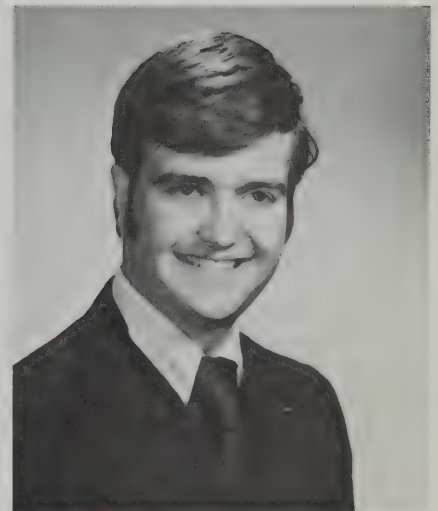
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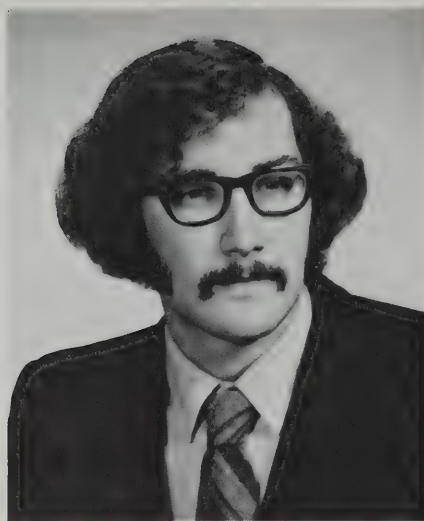
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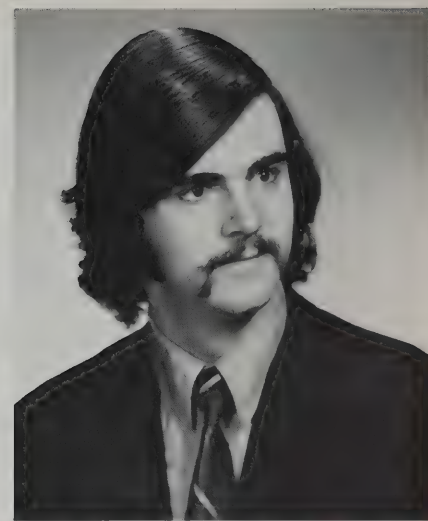
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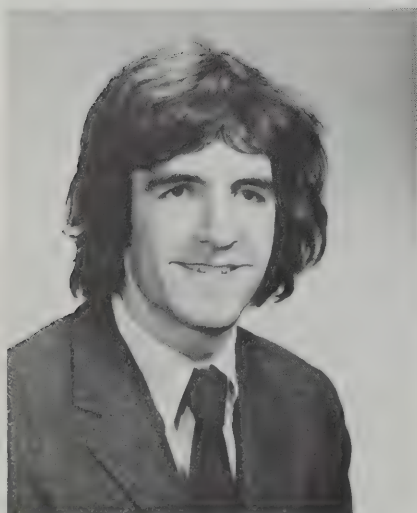
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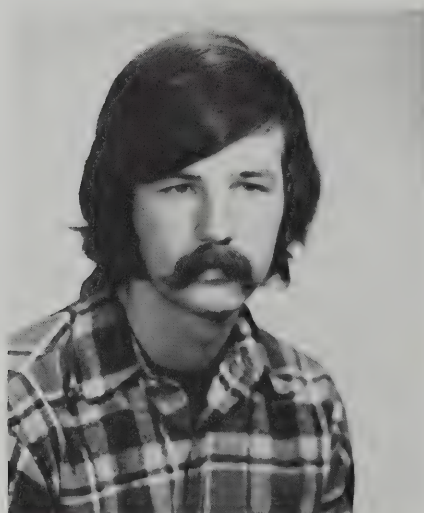
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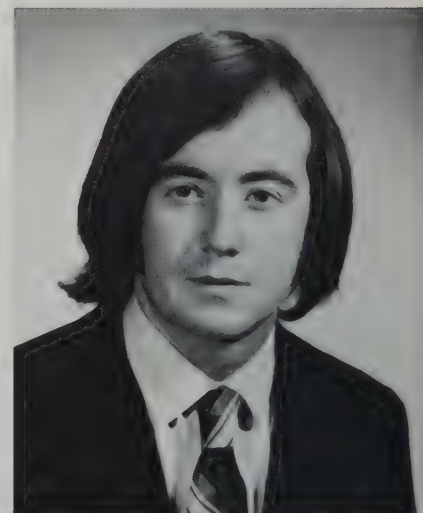
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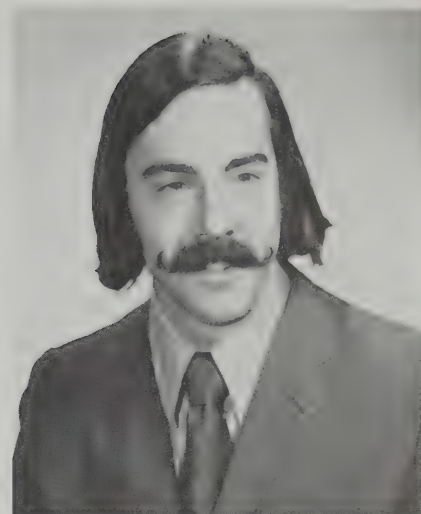
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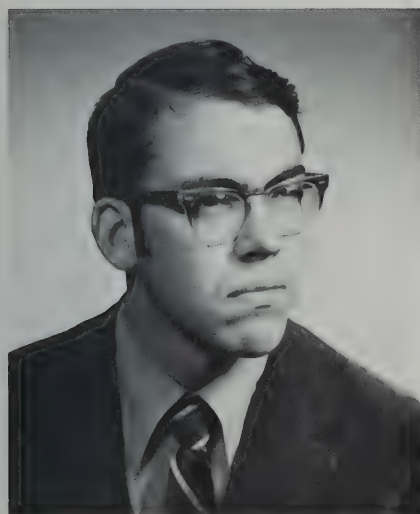
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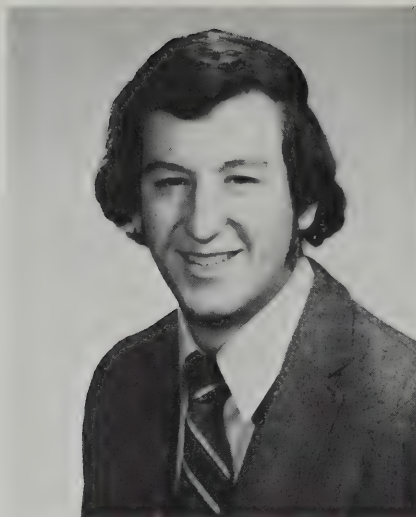
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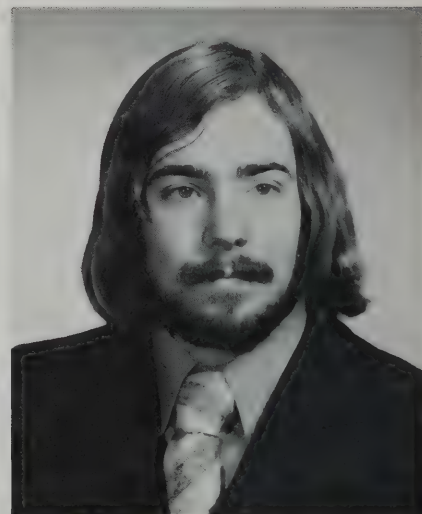
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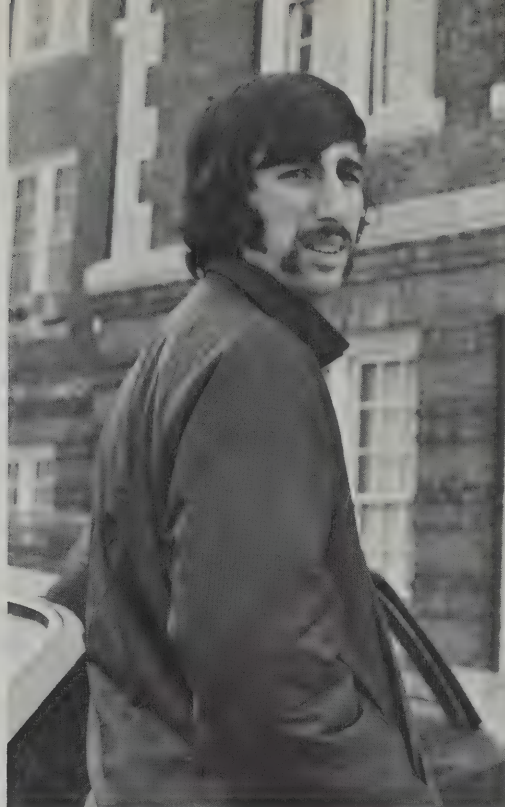
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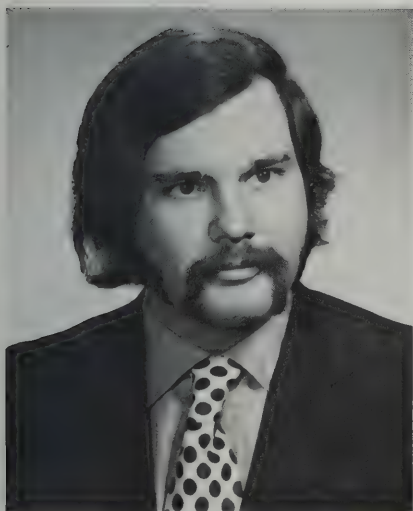
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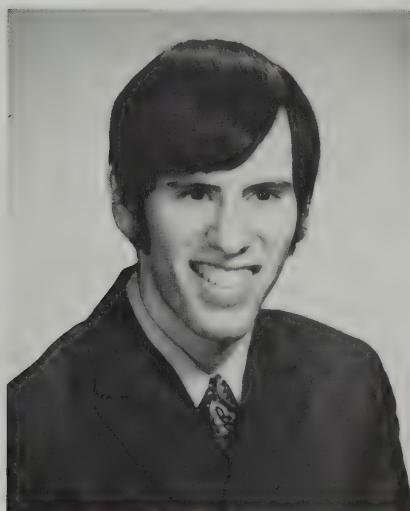
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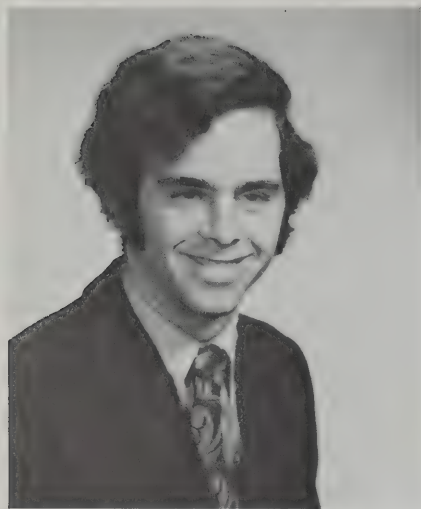
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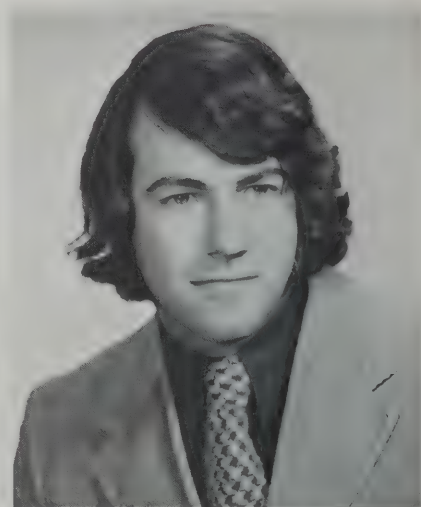
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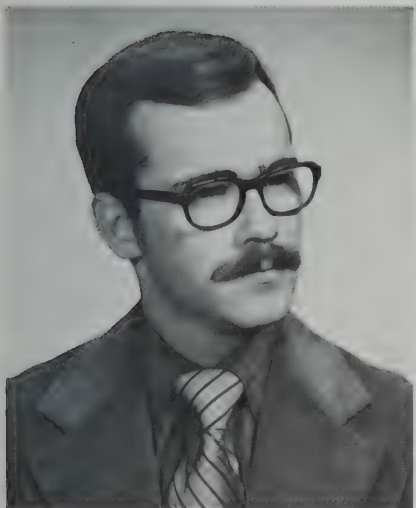
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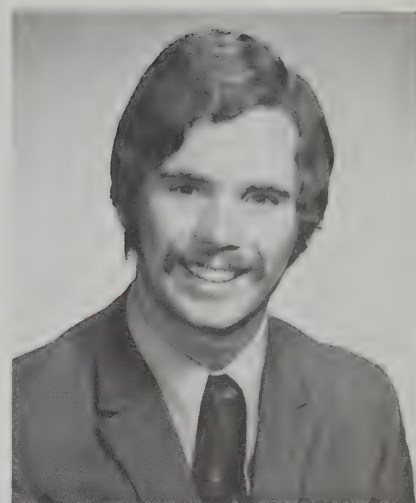
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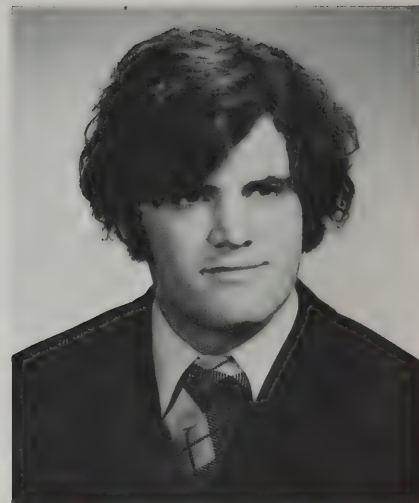
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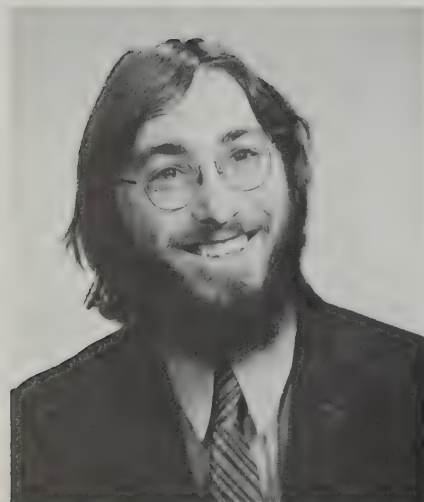
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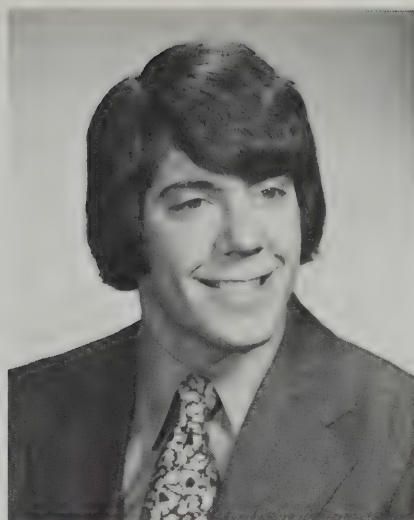
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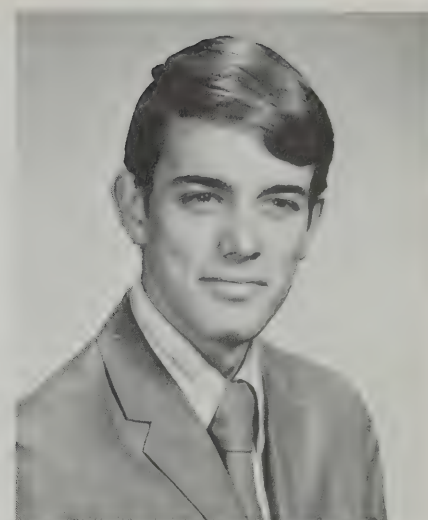
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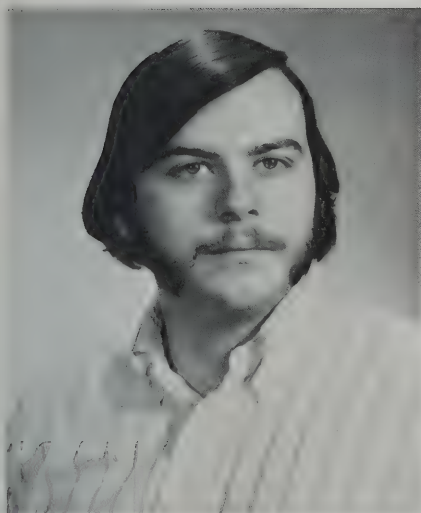
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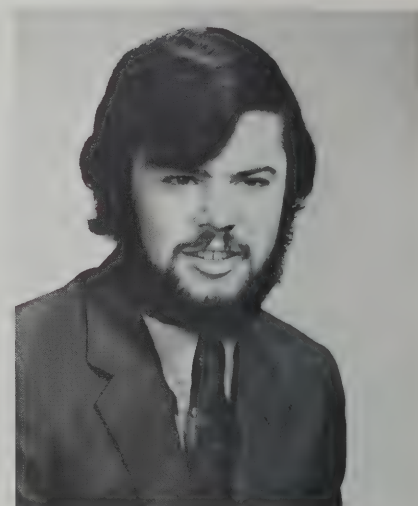
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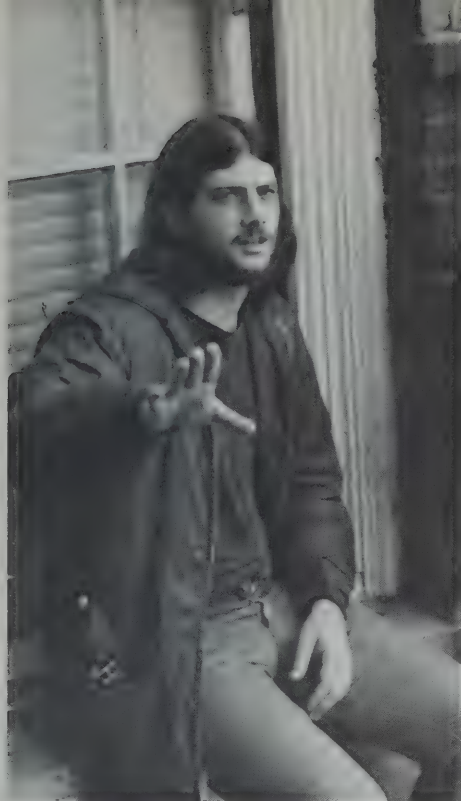
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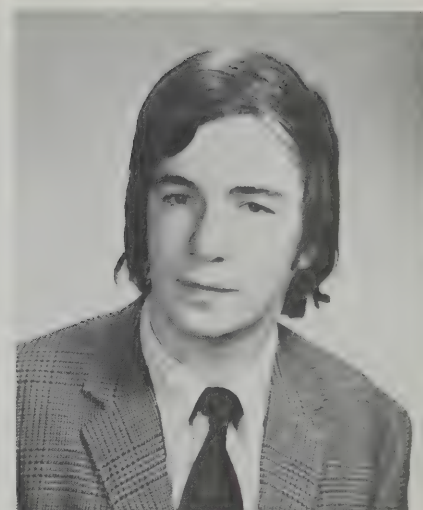
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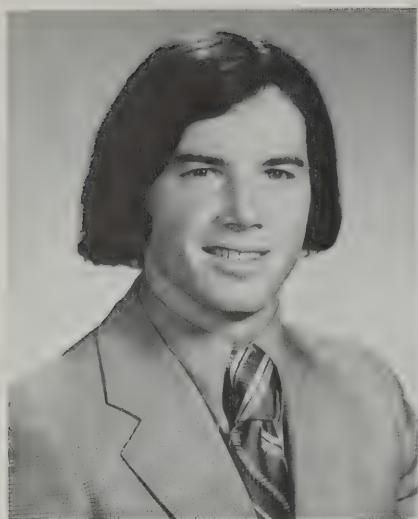
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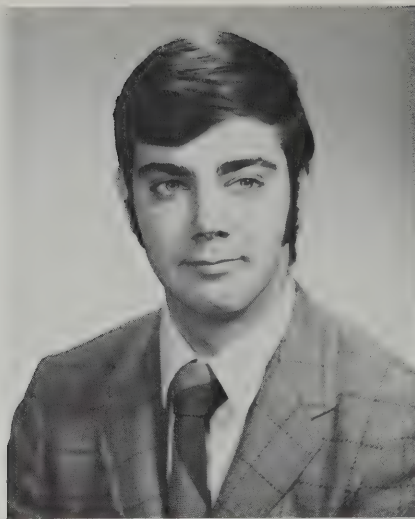
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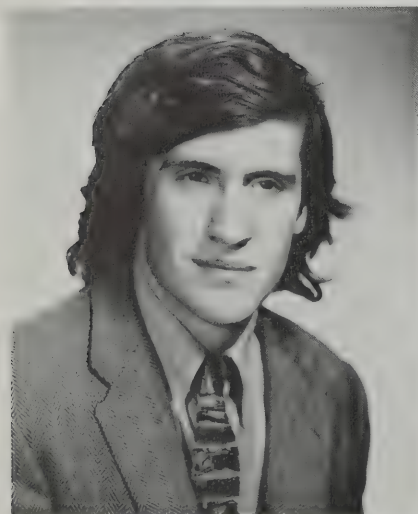
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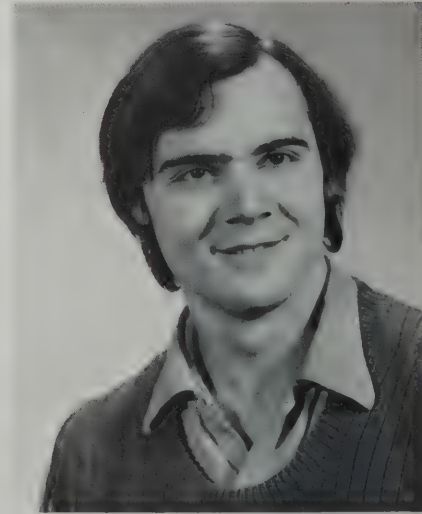
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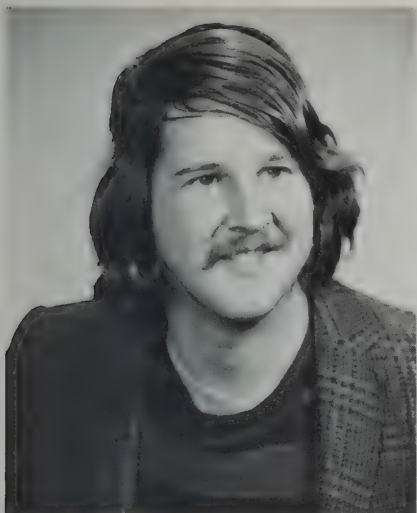
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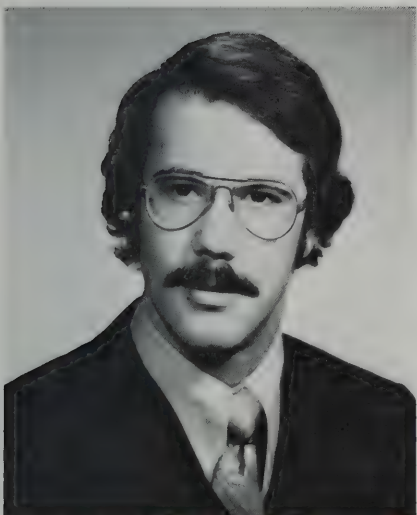
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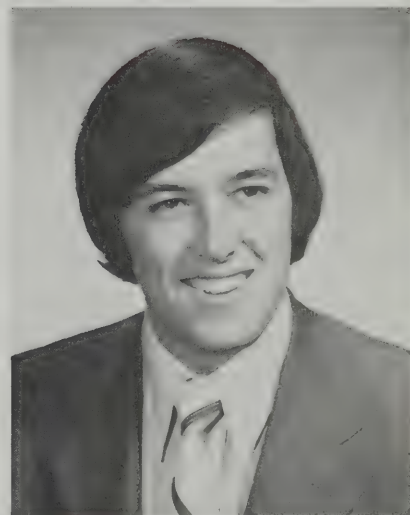
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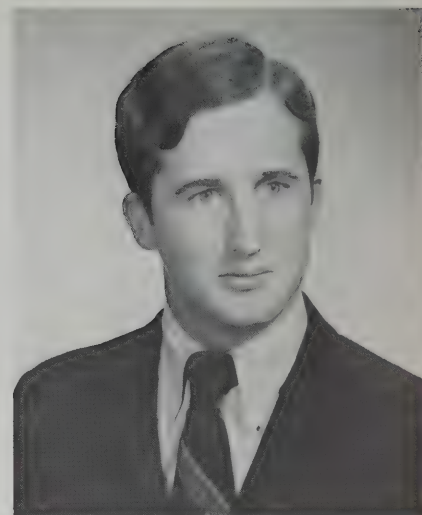
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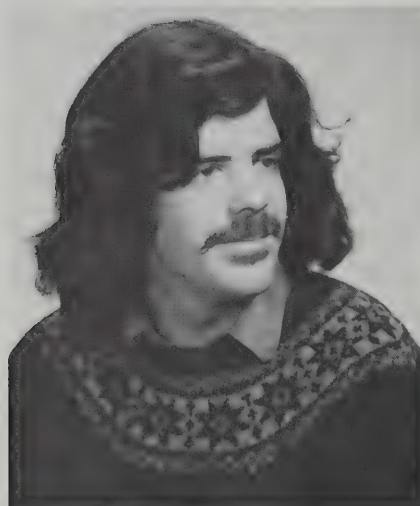
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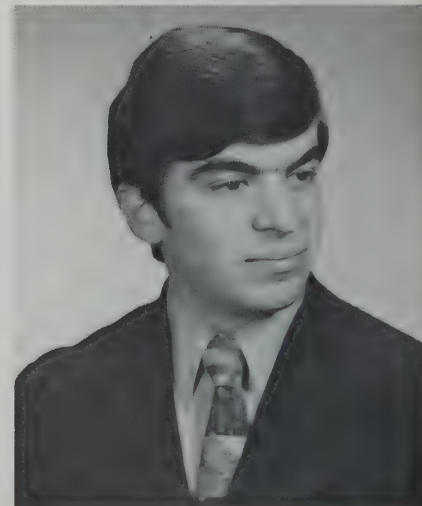
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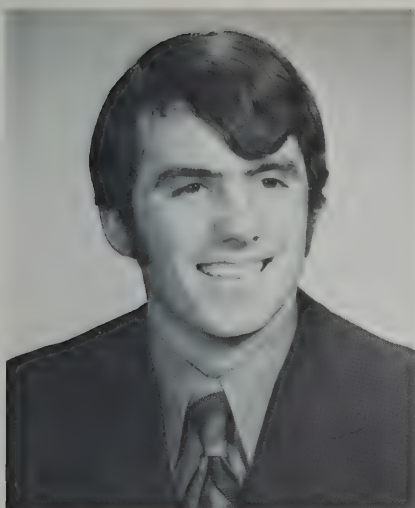
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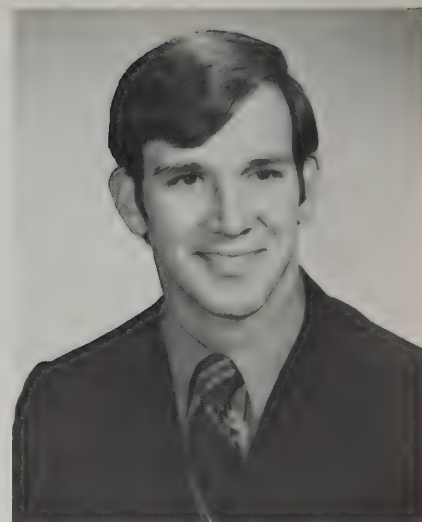


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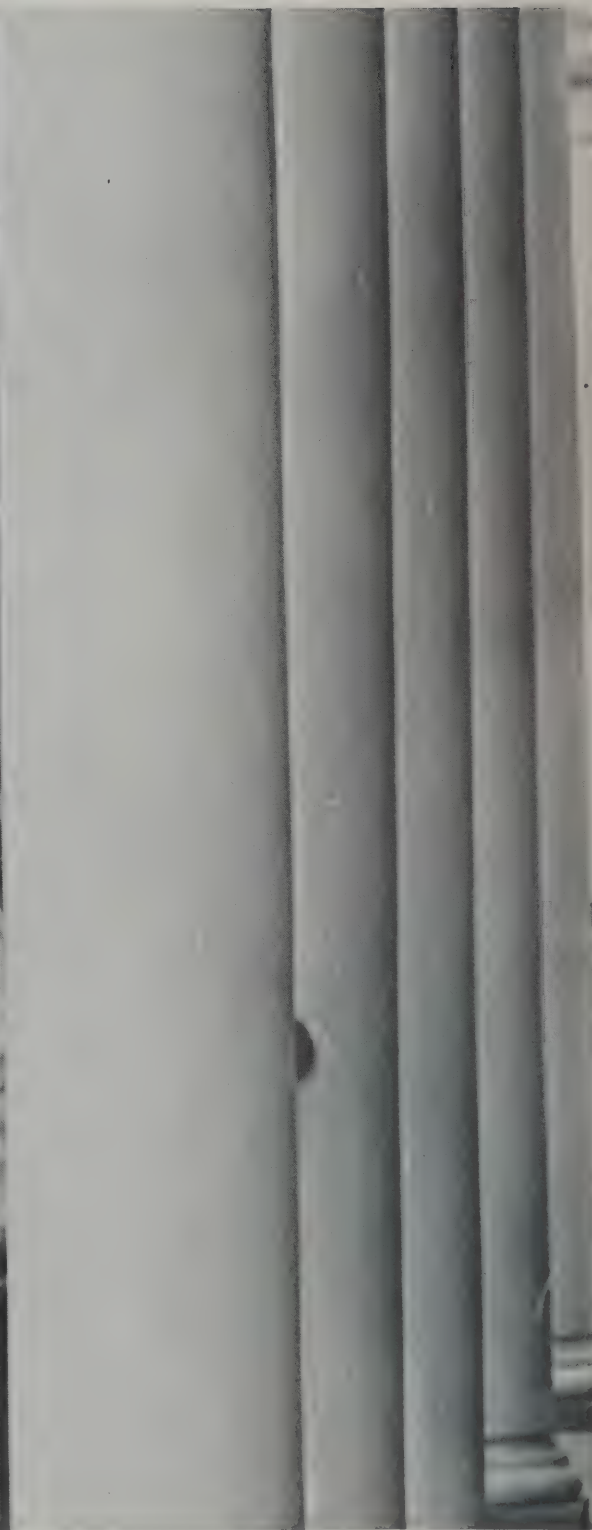


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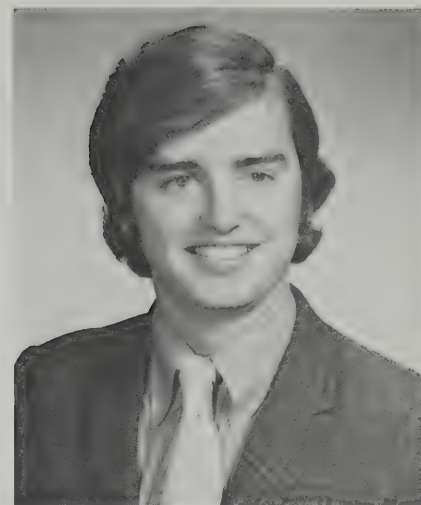




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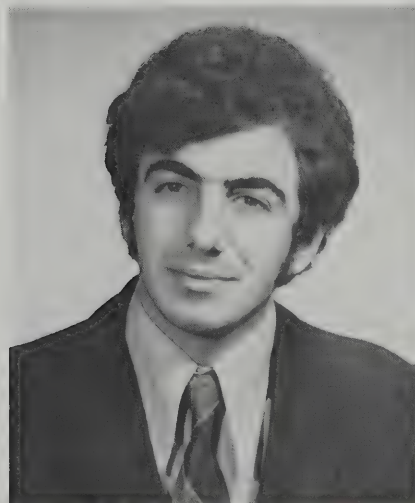
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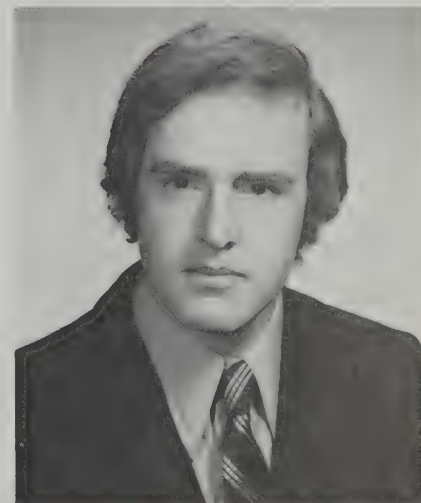
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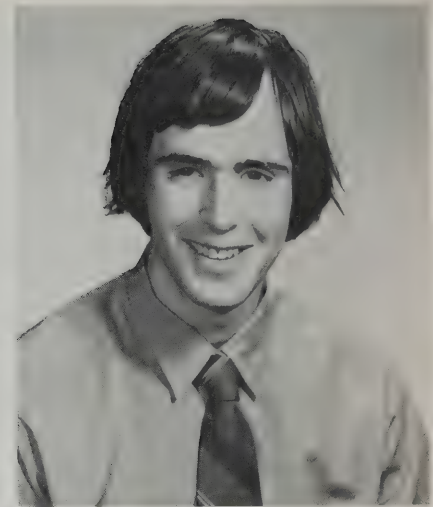
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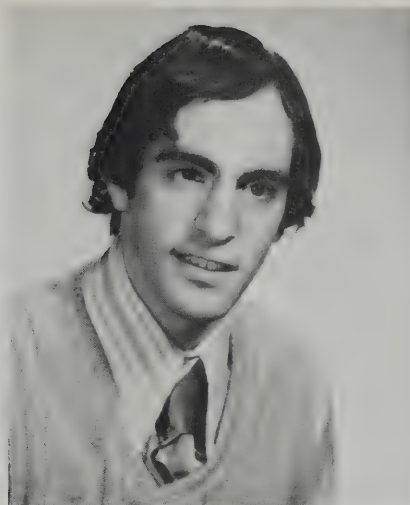
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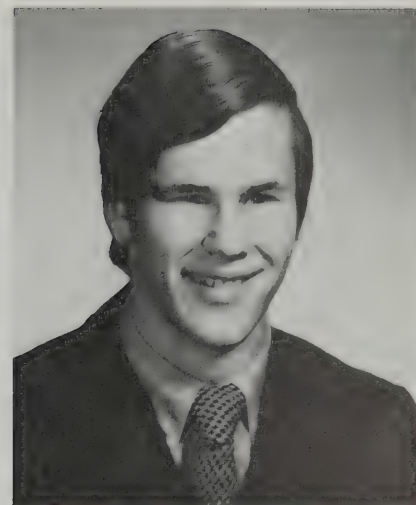
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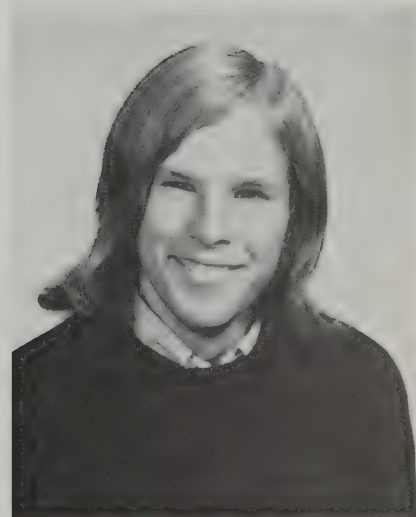
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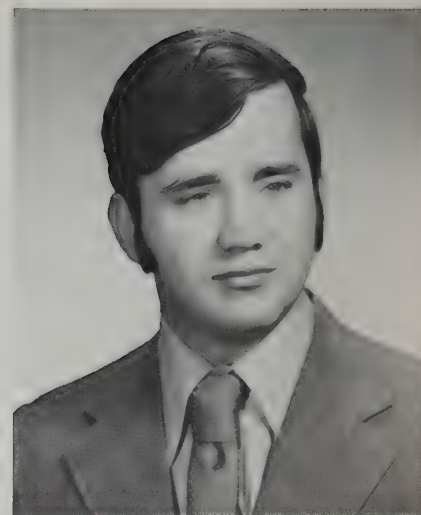
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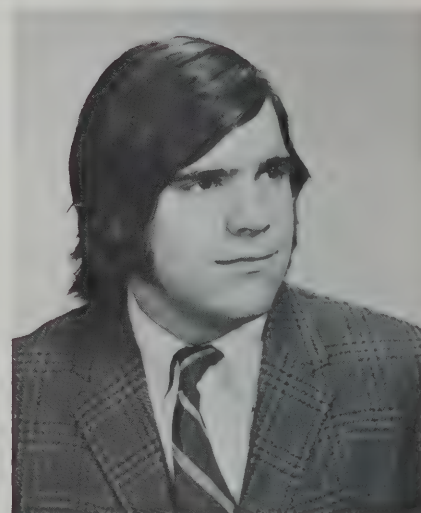
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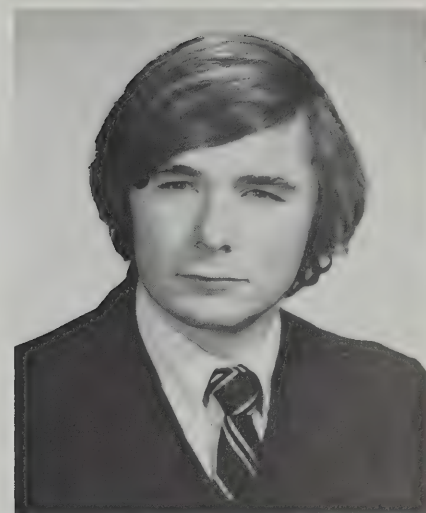
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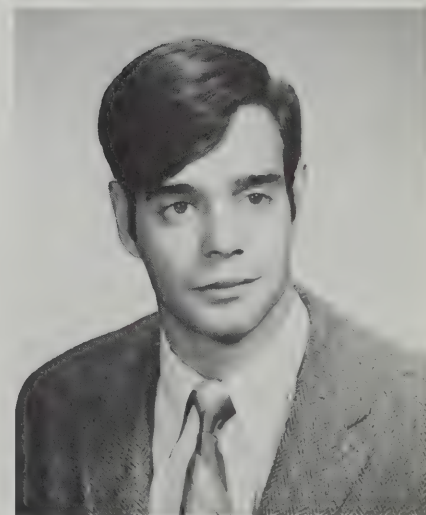
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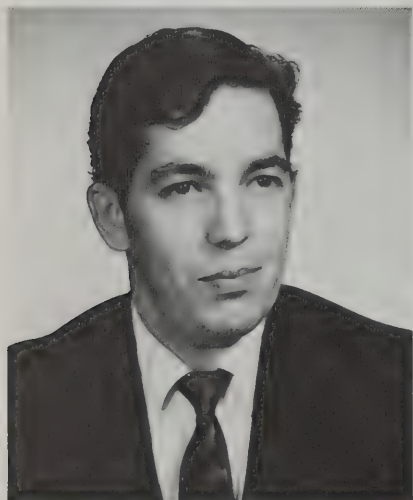
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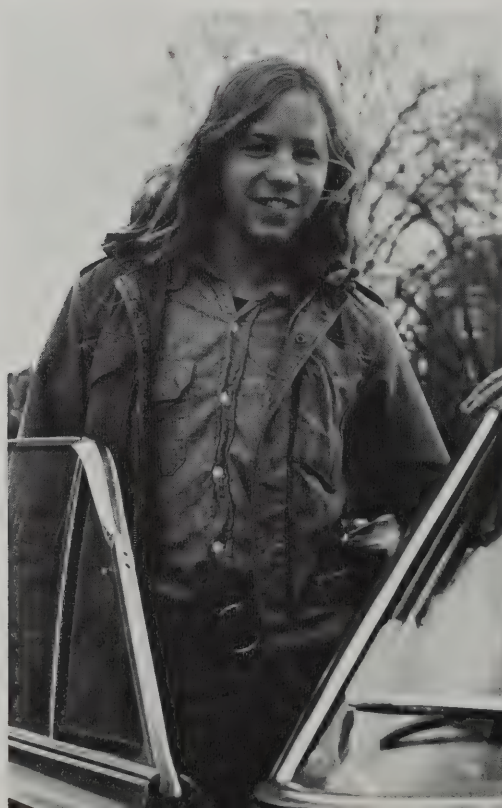
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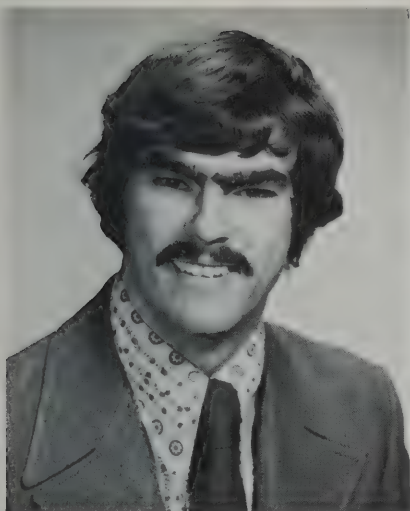
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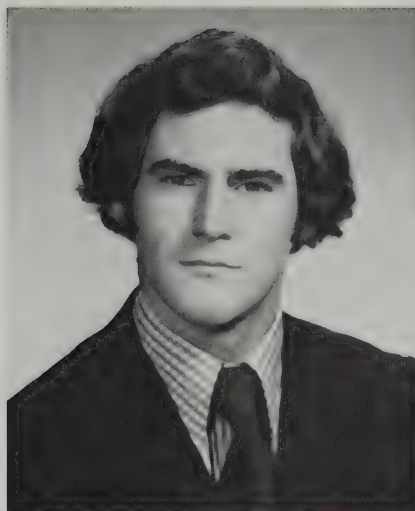
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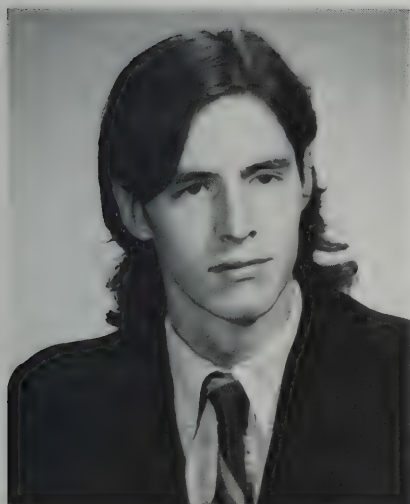
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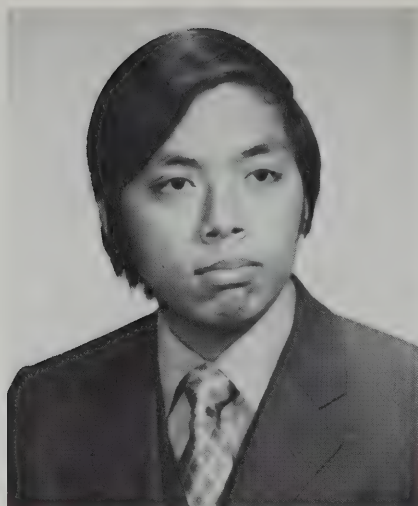
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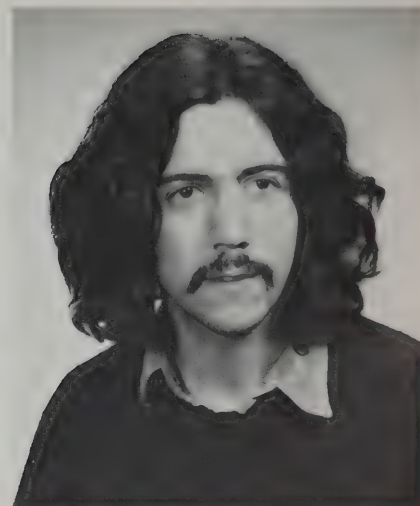
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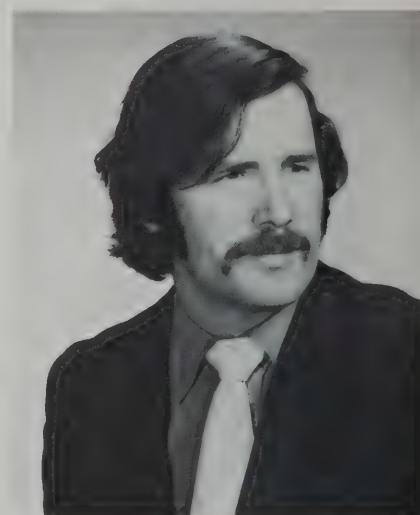
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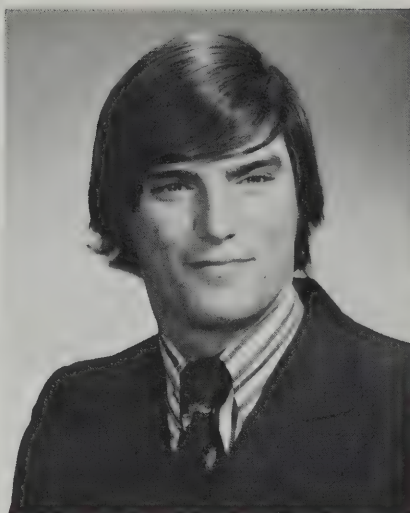


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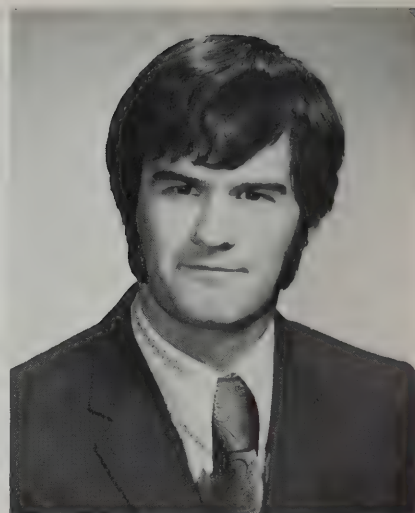


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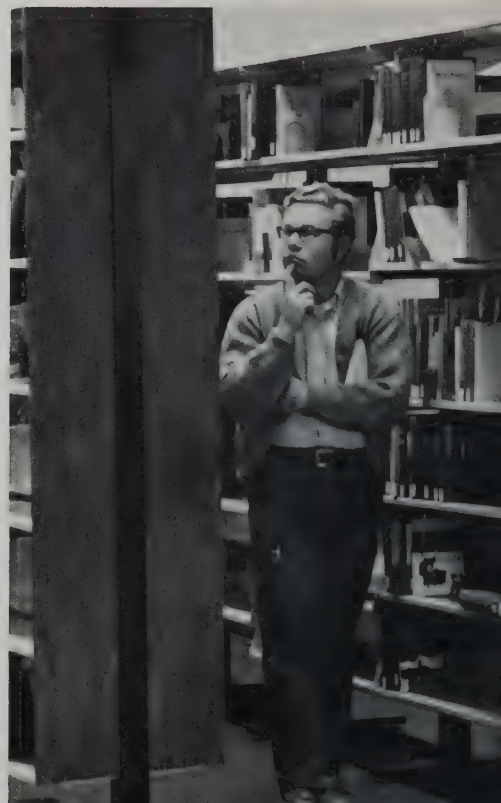
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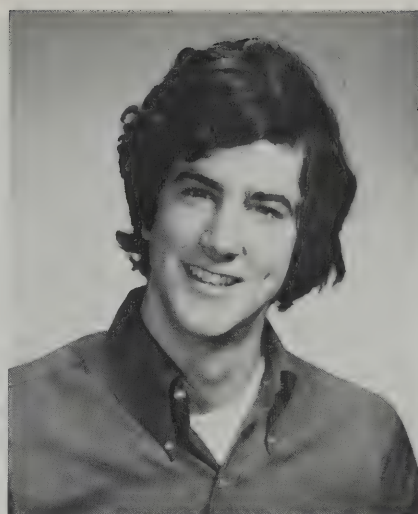
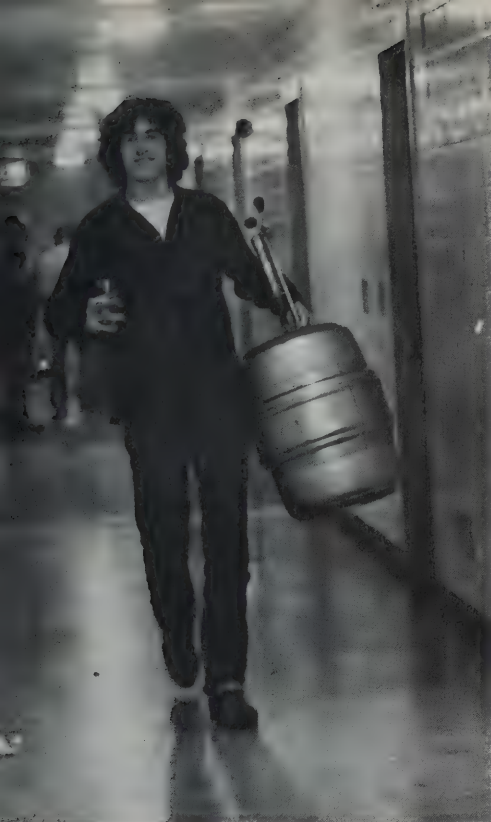


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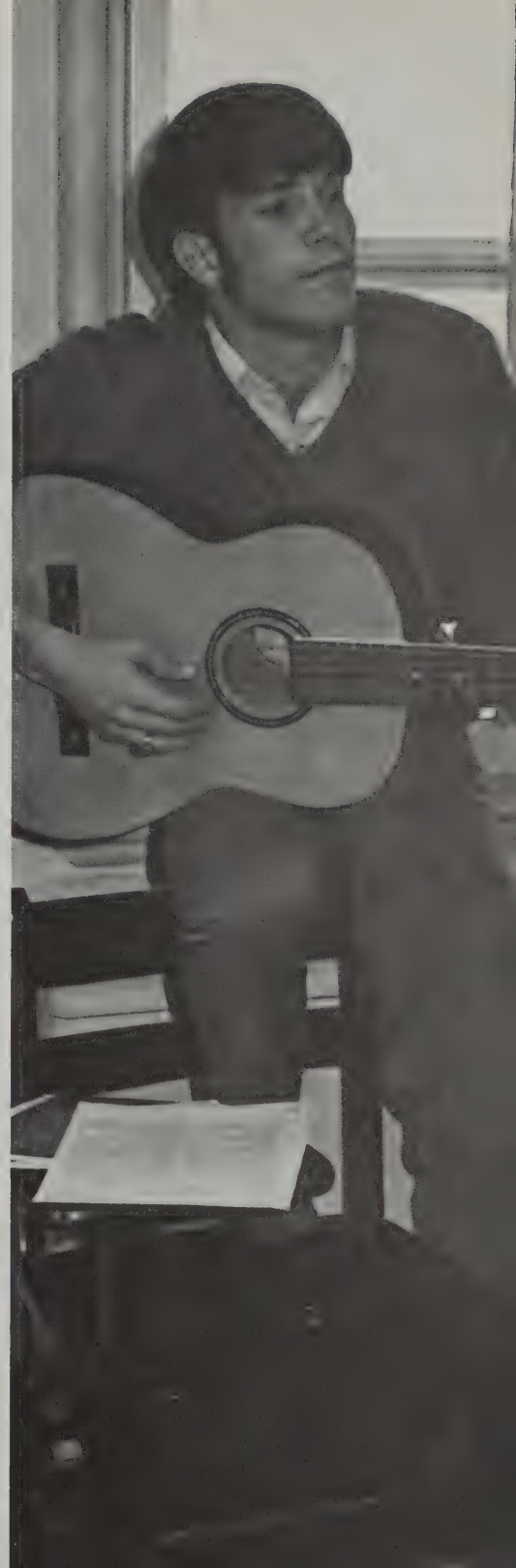


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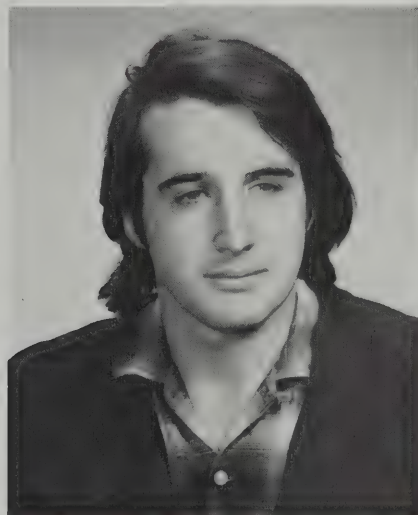




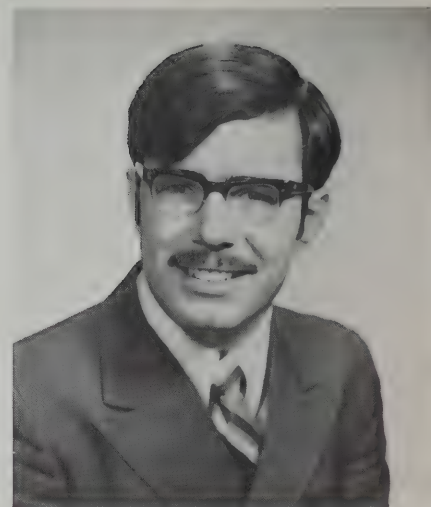
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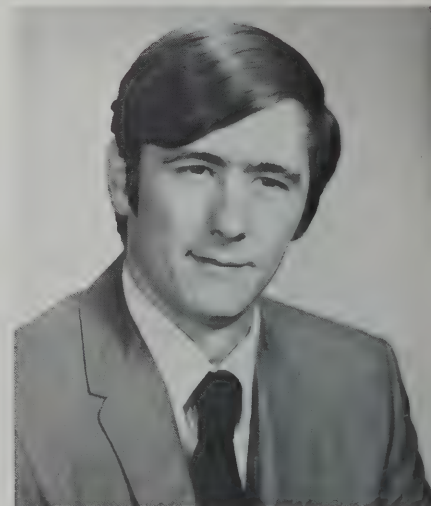
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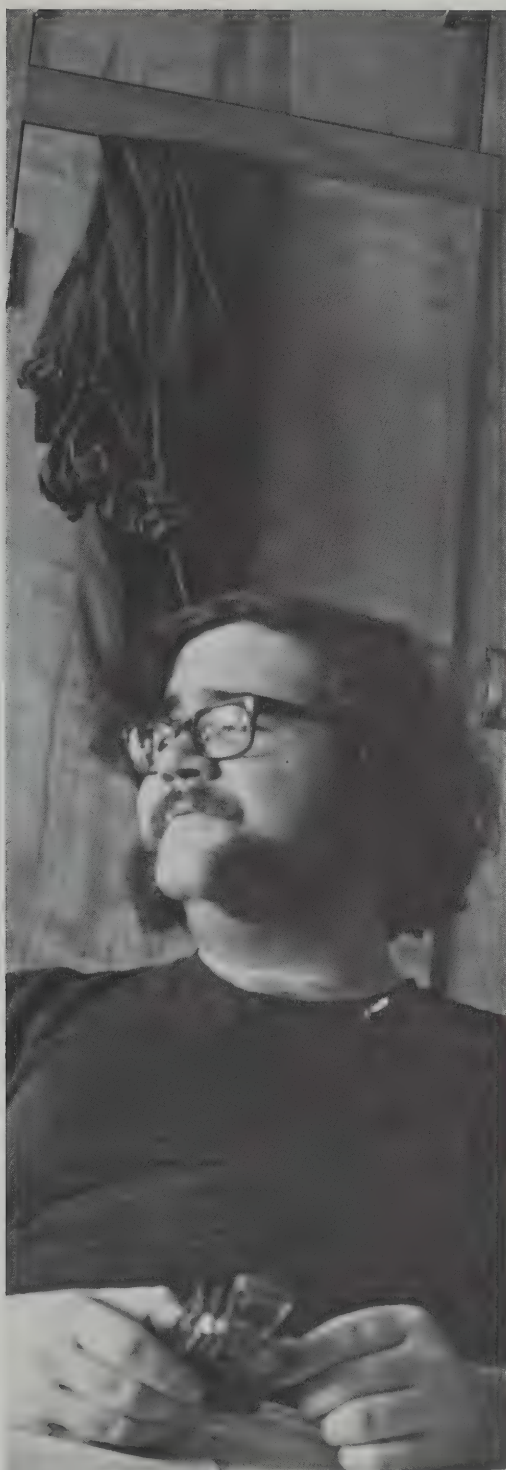
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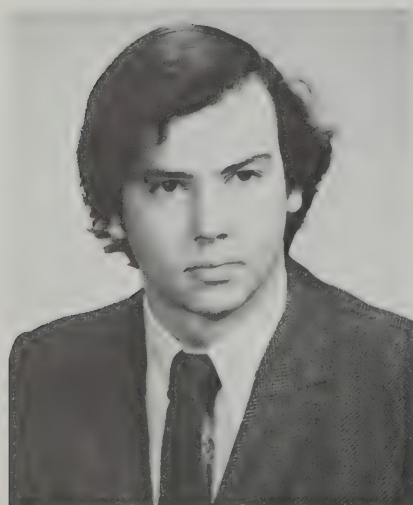
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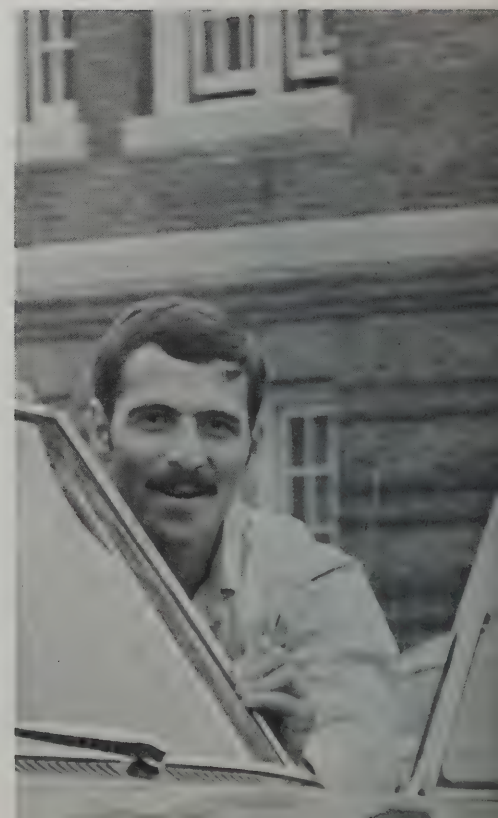
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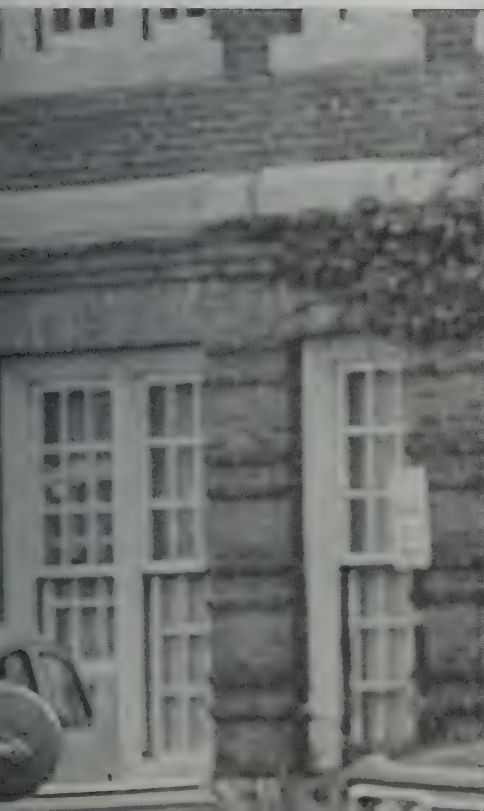


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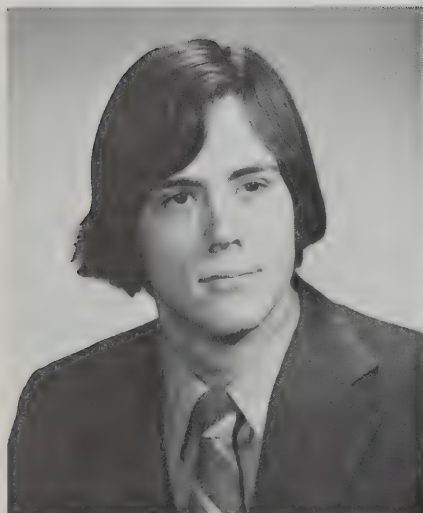
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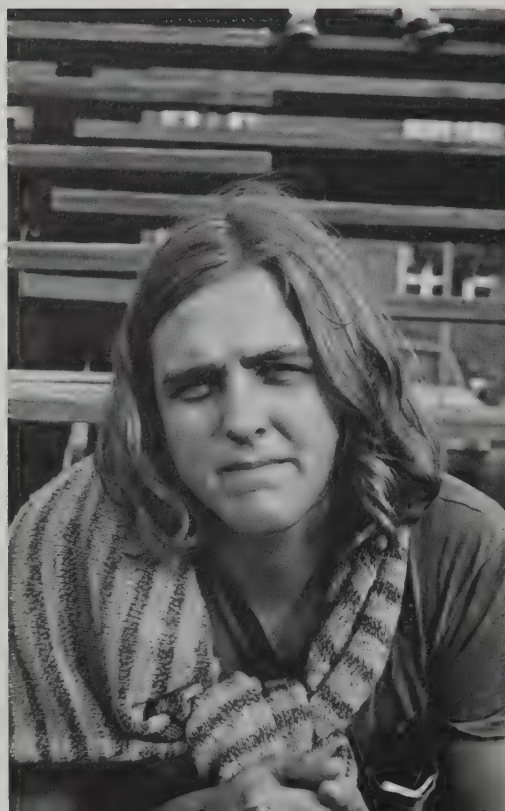
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ON FOUR

About four years ago a friend of mine, John Quincy Mikullman, decided to write a book about the American system of higher education. As any author or actor knows, the best way to gather information for a book or role is to go to the area you wish to portray or emulate. A mutual friend of ours, a guidance counsellor, told John that the best way to chose a college for study is by random selection. The process completed, John departed for a small, Catholic, men's liberal arts college in the Northeast.

Mr. Mikullman's first encounter with the students at the college was on the evening of his arrival. Being a John Wayne fan, he was easily enticed to go to the campus cinema to see a classic flick, *The Barbarian and the Geisha*.

The next day, however, was devoted to more academic pursuits. My friend paid a visit to the Registrar's office in order to see what requirements were made of the students. He found that the core curriculum provided that each student complete 40 courses and at least 120 total credit hours. Of these hours, 30 were devoted to a concentration of study that most students decided while still in high school. It was necessary, also, to complete successfully 60 credit hours of liberal arts courses of which the student had no choice. Since this was a liberal arts college, each young man entering would be glad to find out that he could choose 30 credits of any courses that were, or were not of interest to him. The purpose of this was to lessen the academic load.

As the year progressed, my friend decided to get some first-hand accounts from some of the young men and professors at the school:

— "I see here by your card that you're a biology major from the New York City area. How do you like it here so far?"

— "I don't see why we's all gots to take 6 credits of English. We went to school twelve years and alls you's really needs is twelve years of English. I went to prep school and I's talks good enough to be a dentist when I gets outa here. Besides I hate that English teacher Mrs. Robinson!"

— "Thank you for your time. Pardon me, over there, how do you like things here?"

— "We all gotta take a modern foreign language here. I took four years of French in high school and I still don't know anything. It'll take me four years of college and maybe summer school to pass two years of French here. I'm a history major. What do I need French for?"

— "Did you ever hear of Napoleon?"

— "Yea, but I plan to take only American History."

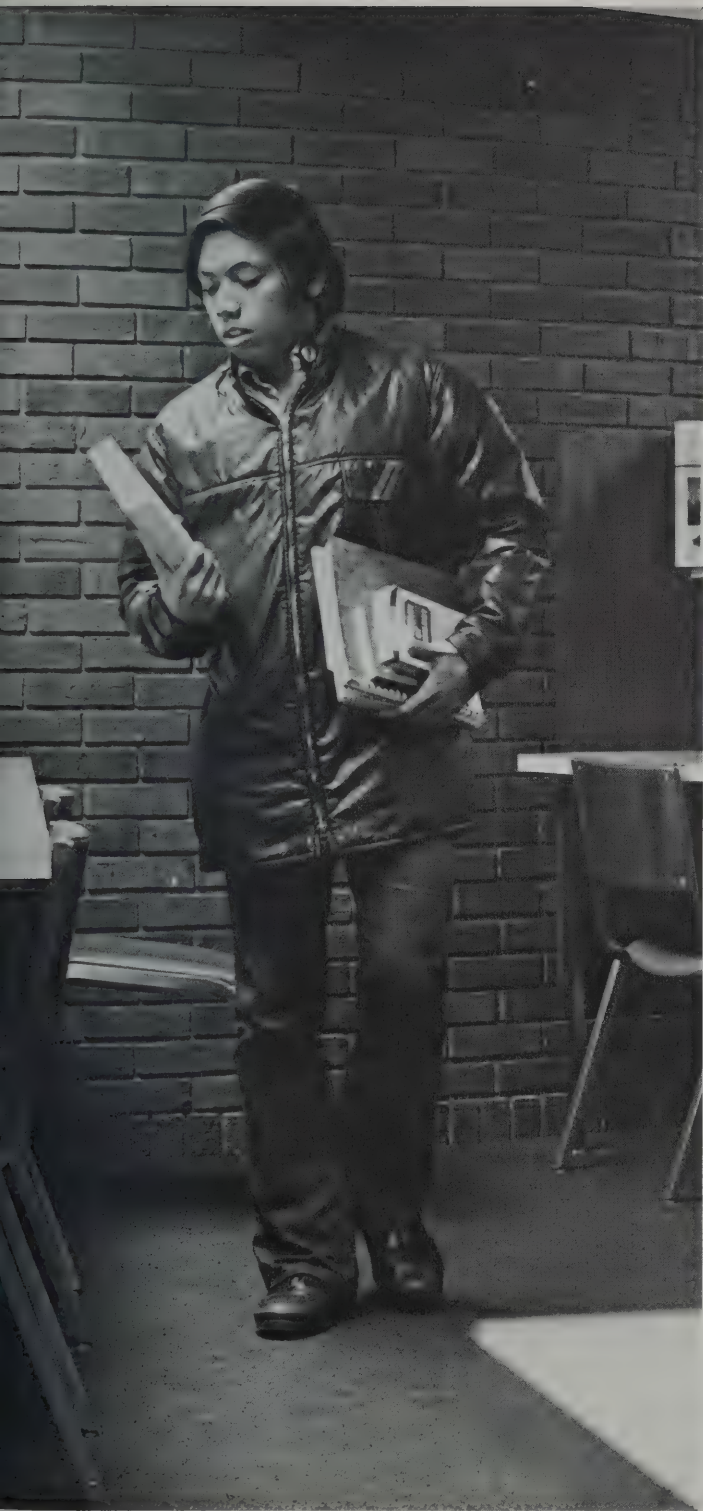
— "I suppose I can sympathize with you. Will you excuse me while I ask this fellow a question or two, if it's all right with him."

— "Yes sir. I would be very glad to assist you."

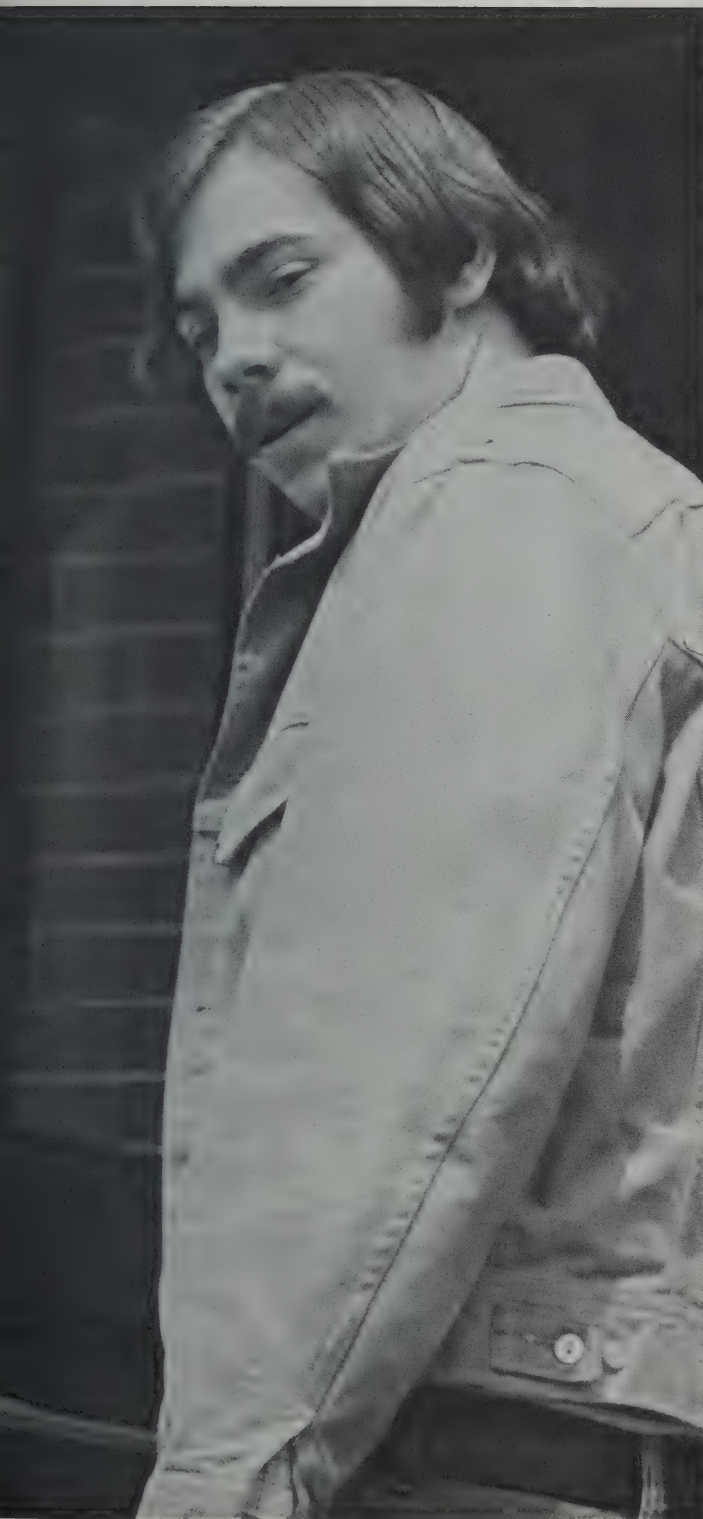
— "What is your opinion of the core curriculum here?"

— "I am very much in favor of maintaining it. I fully intend to take six more credits of Humanities, Philosophy, Theology, and French in my Junior and Senior years."

— "You seem to be very satisfied here. There are rumors that in the near future young women might be admitted to the college. Obviously more conservative than some of the other students I've interviewed, would you be in favor of making this a co-educational institution?"







- “Absolutely not! Why our patron angel would turn over in his grave!”
- “Thank you for your time.”
- “You’re most welcome.”

Having a good start into his book, my friend decided to get some views from the other side of the lectern. The first professor contacted was unavailable since he was presiding over a city council meeting that evening. A second choice was also not able to answer any questions. He was out asking his own questions since this was an election year and he was conducting his famous “Delmonico” poll.

Again and again my friend telephoned professors but was unable to obtain any response. One had taken his homosexual cat to a feline psychiatrist; another was working in her greenhouse and too busy to talk; and still another was working on court cases, as he was trying to get an appointment to the Supreme Court.

About 10 o’clock, Mr. Mikullman decided that it was time to hit the local night spots. His professors had literally “driven him to drink.”

His first stop was a local tavern known as the “Cinnamon Man”. Lo and behold, who does he meet but a former professor at our little mountain college expounding his views on hallucinogenics and administrative policies. My friend had to delete the latter discussion from his research because of the man’s colloquial frankness and an infrequent use of printable dialogue.

Deadline time drew near, but some midnight oil for the lamp and some caffeine for the tired soul helped complete the first half of the masterpiece.

The next 2 years of Mr. Mikullman’s book saw some unexpected chapters. Included were the results of the college’s first lay president, the new coreless curriculum, and the admission of the first women to the college.

As my friend gathered his candid opinions, a percentage breakdown showed that 79% felt that the most significant accomplishment of the new lay president—was that he became the first lay president; 15% felt that he would never have been elected in any other state because of his former affiliation with Irish bootleggers; 4% were unaware that Father Dow was no longer president; and the remaining 2%, representing ZPG, expressed a desire to see him and his family change their religion to one which permitted birth control.

Concerning the new curriculum, chapter 16 of the Mikullman book shows conclusively that any student unable to figure out a suitable program of study should be placed on a work-study program in the office of the Registrar for a period of no less than 3 hours in order to realize that he is not as confused as he thought.

The final section of the report was devoted to the female addition on campus. Before speaking with any of the new co-eds, who were incidently outnumbered 60 to 1 in their first year, my friend went to those most injured by the administrative act—namely those young ladies attending Beatific Vision College and the local high schools.

- “Could you tell me where I could find some students who would be willing to answer some questions for a survey? No offense, Sister, but all I seem to see here are nuns.”
- “Well that’s perfectly all right son. I’ll try and find some of our more brilliant young ladies who I’m sure will do our school credit.”





Some time later:

- “What is your opinion of the local men’s college going co-educational?”
- “I think I speak for all the girls here. We aren’t a bit worried, since most of us are engaged or going steady already with guys from there.”
- “In other words, you don’t consider the co-eds a threat.”
- “Yea that’s right. All those guys that aren’t hooked can’t possibly get a girl up there because there’s so few to begin with.”
- “I don’t want to alarm you, but a few of the local girls have told me that they don’t mind at all sharing 20 fellows. What if the co-eds feel this way?”
- “If you think we would resort to such low key tactics as that, you’re wrong! This is a Catholic College and we do have our ‘morals’.”
- “I didn’t mean to imply. . . .”

At this point the bell rang and the young lady was whisked away to a near-by classroom to continue her studies en route to the coveted M.R.S. degree which meant so much to her.

Trying to get in touch with the new co-eds was no easy matter. Some were out running cross-country, one was drilling the R.O.T.C. candidates, and some were just running. It seems Mr. Mikullman had more trouble getting hold of the girls than he did the professors.

After much searching, he decided that the best place to interview girls would be the college’s restaurant-cafeteria complex. His first subject was a buxom lass who was hard to keep up with. She bounced from table to table and it was impossible to ask any questions of her. Moving to another table, three more girls were questioned but did not answer as they were absorbed in a discussion with upperclassmen.

Feeling dejected, Mr. Mikullman left his coffee and doughnut and decided to go back to Beatific Vision to see if he couldn’t talk to some more girls down there.

Another deadline came and went marking the end of four years or arduous study. Over the past four years my friend saw evolution, revolution, dissolution, and illusion. The book, now complete, will be released in late May for all the world to see. As for a practical learning experience my friend told me, in confidence, that all he really learned there was how to play bridge, hit a 9-iron, and ski. He did gain an irreplaceable fund of trivia, as well as a overflowing lake of tolerance for those around him. As for an educational philosophy, an underclassmen had said it best: “If you’ve got plenty of smokes, clean undies, and can waste time, you can make it here.” He incorporated this in his book and it has become known as “the basic Mikullman philosophy”.

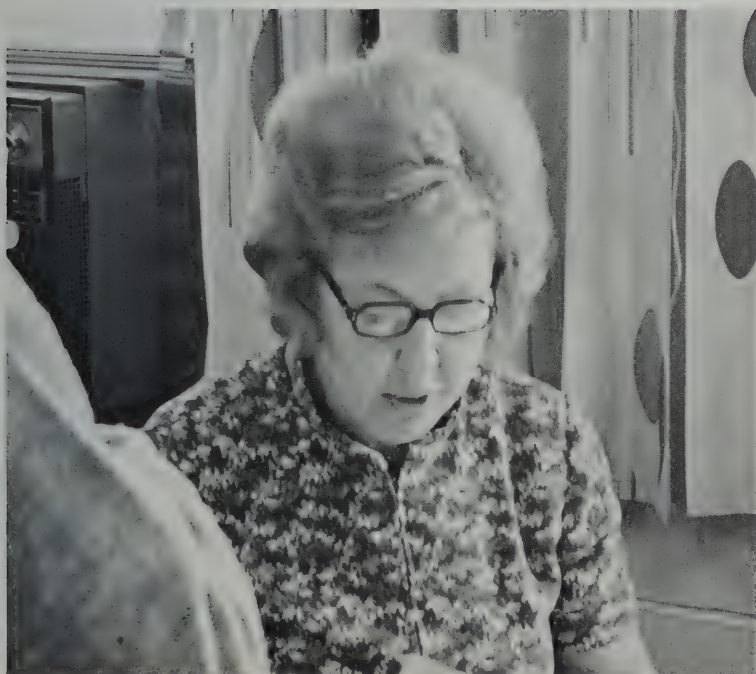
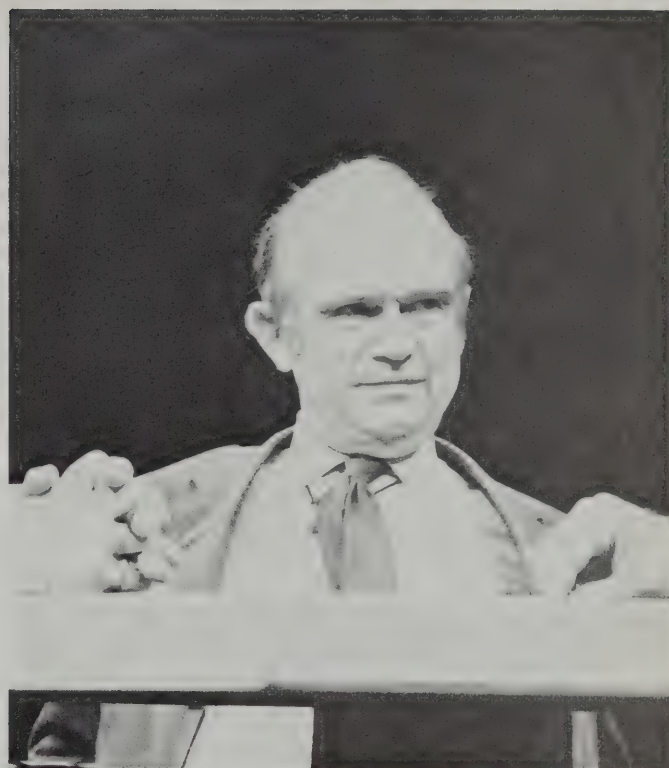
It is appropriate at this time to relay to the reader some necessary prerequisites before reading my friend’s book. Those prerequisites are to read the book with an open mind, accept it for what it is, and remember that any reference to a particular person or place is purely coincidental because all the names have been changed to protect the guilty.

W. Elliot Chapple





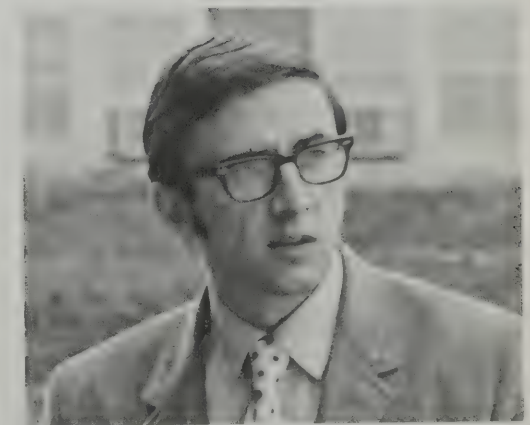
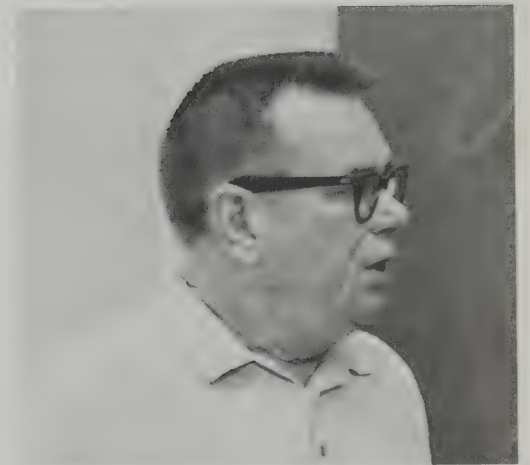


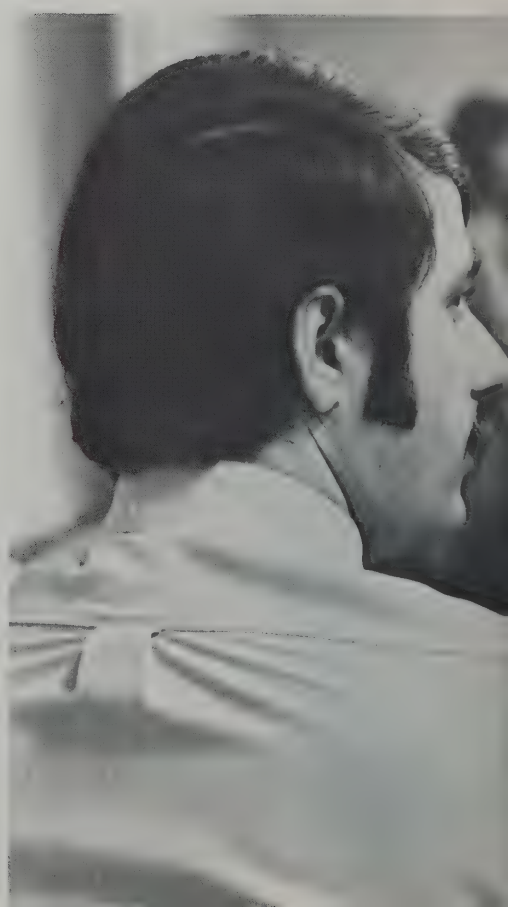
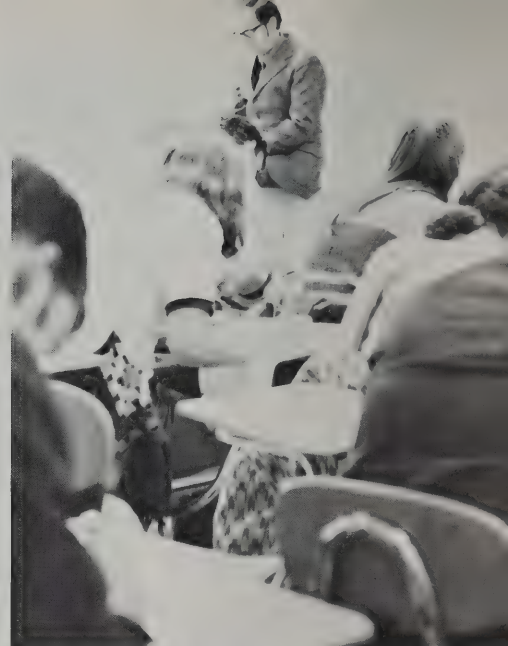


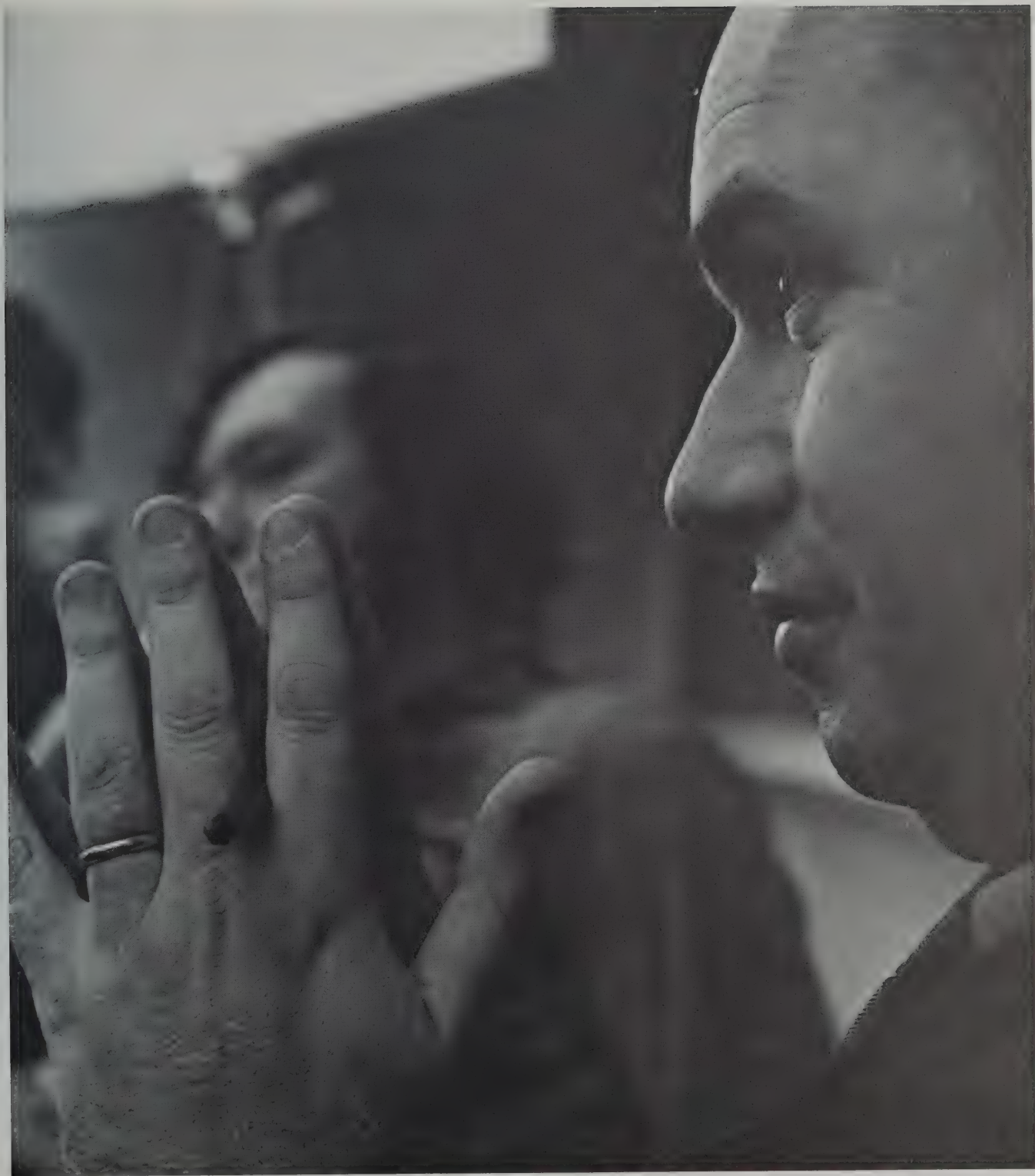


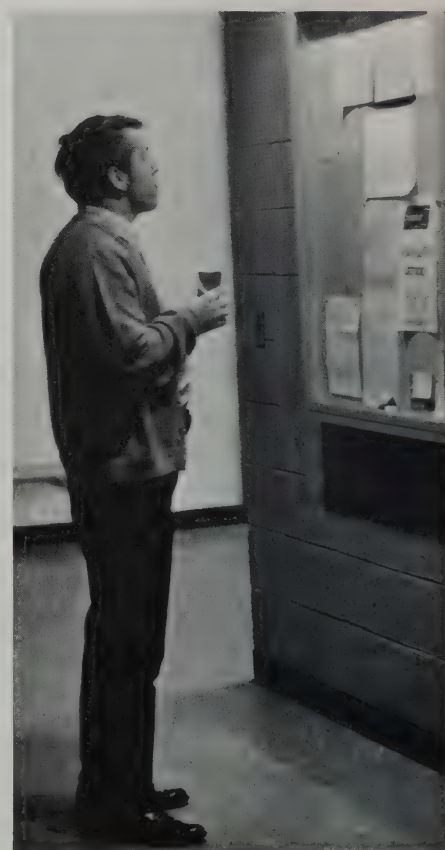
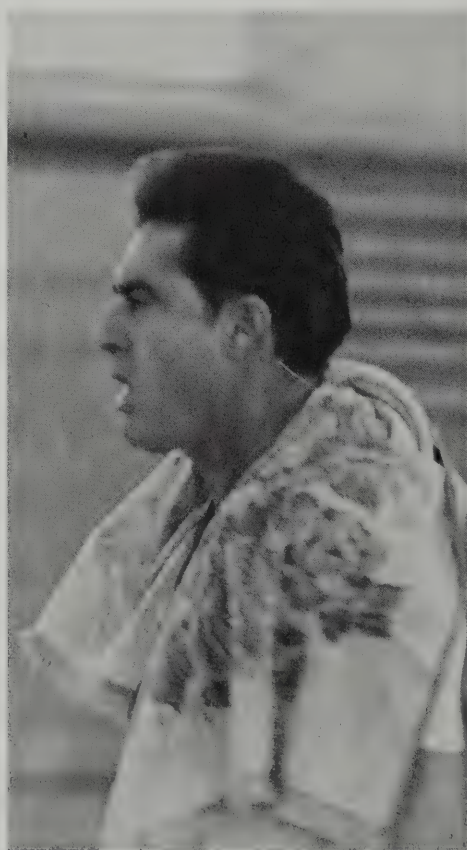




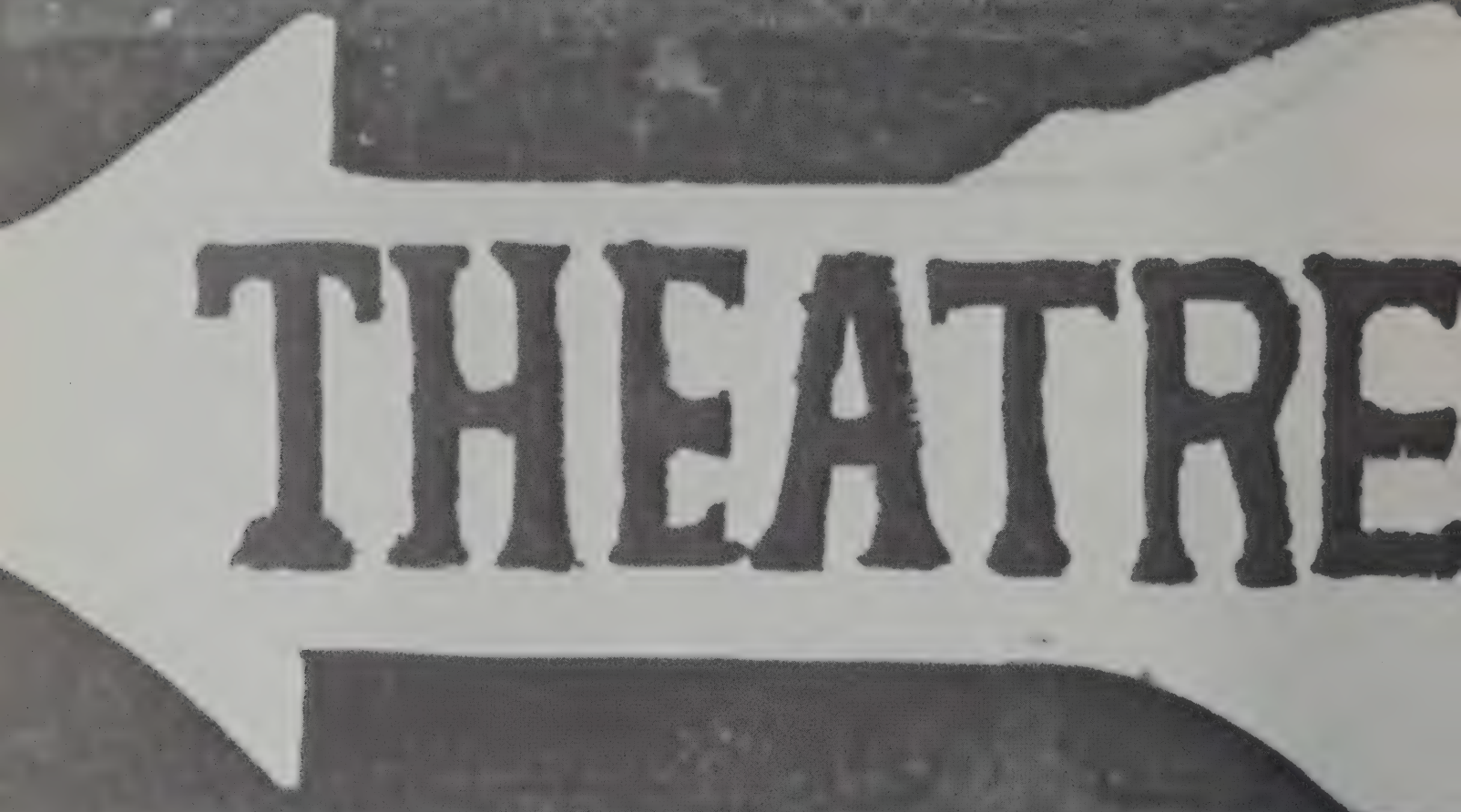












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*But if in your thought you must measure time into
seasons, let each season encircle all the other seasons,
and let TODAY embrace the past with remembrance
and the future with longing.*

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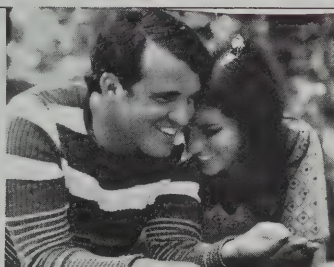
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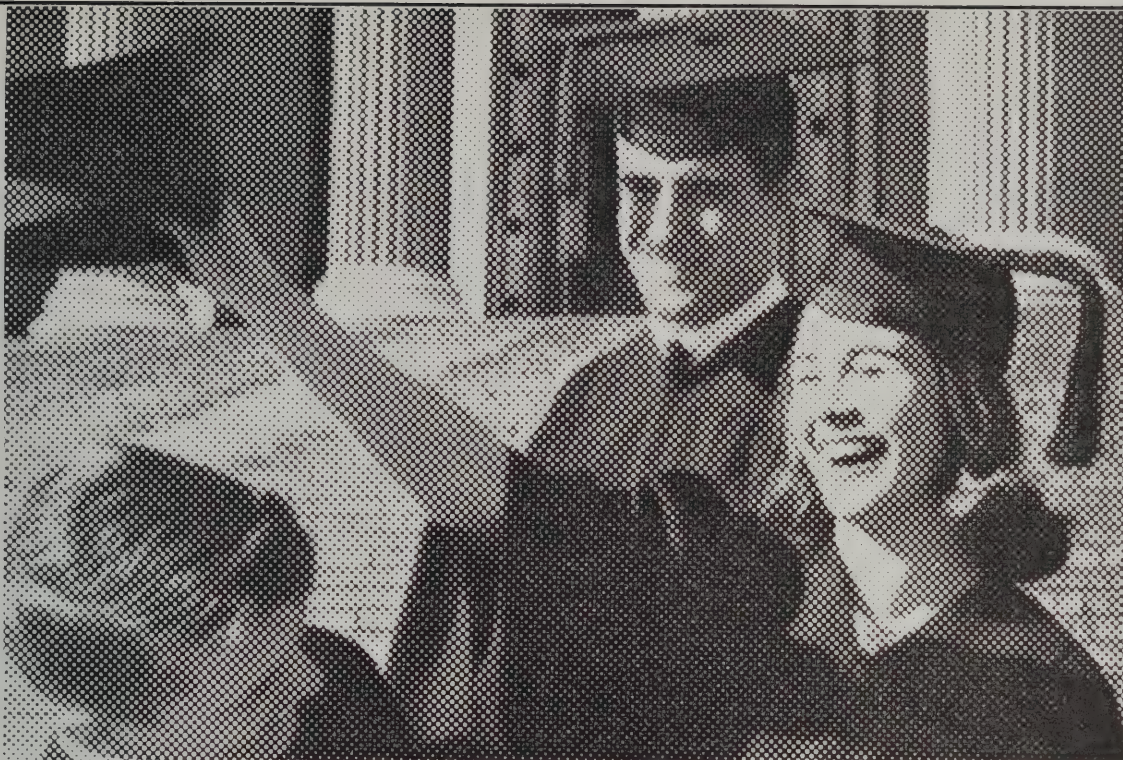
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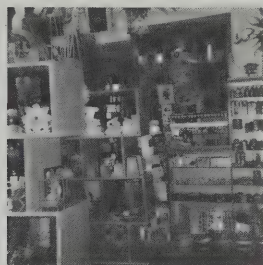


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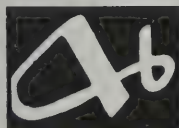


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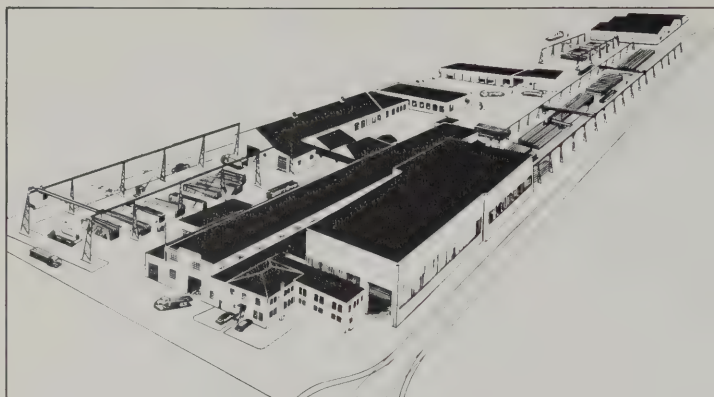
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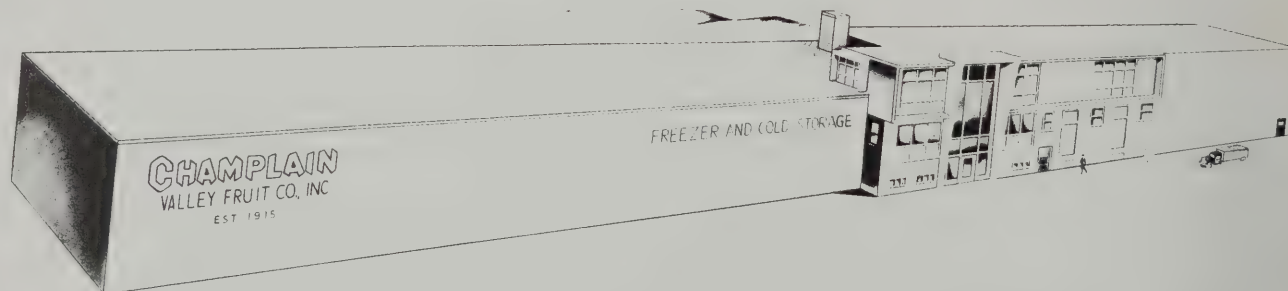




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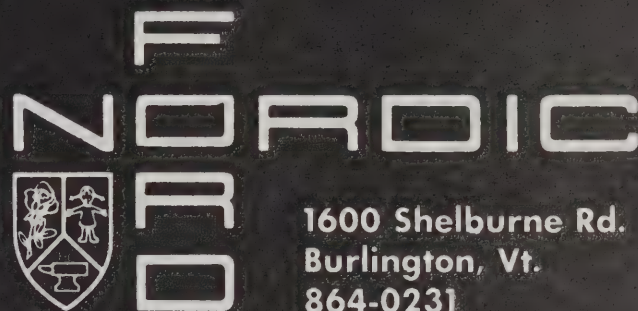
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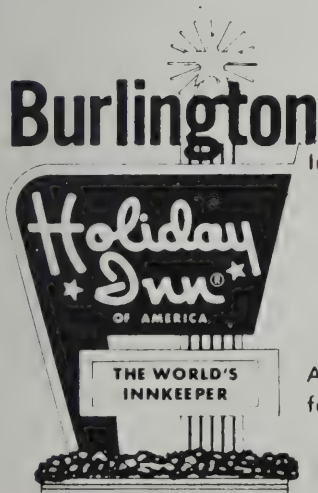
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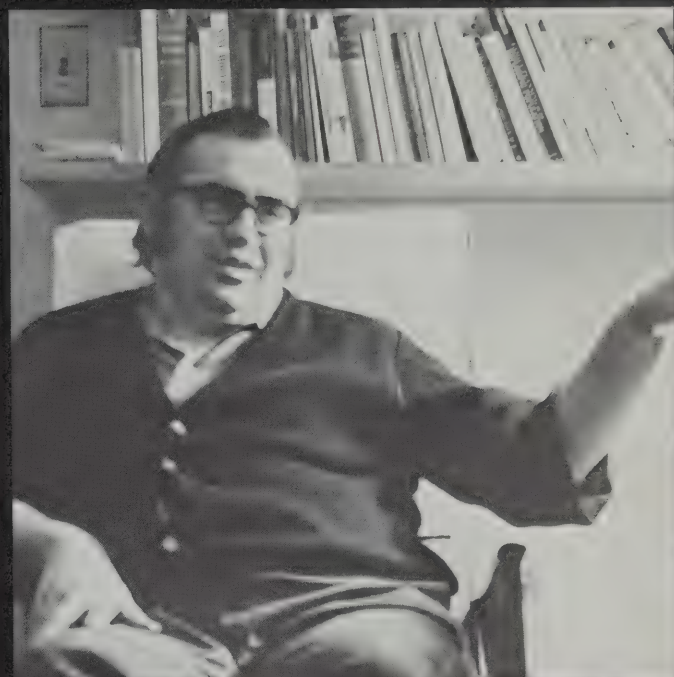


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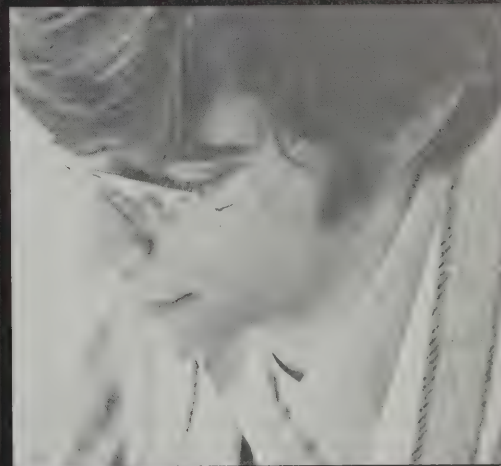
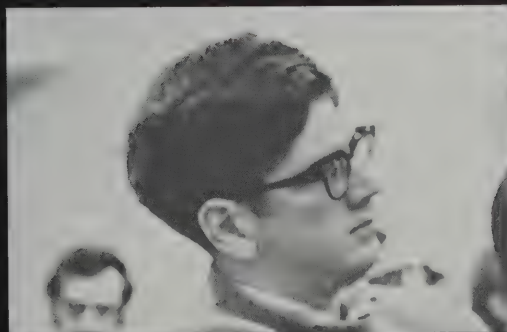
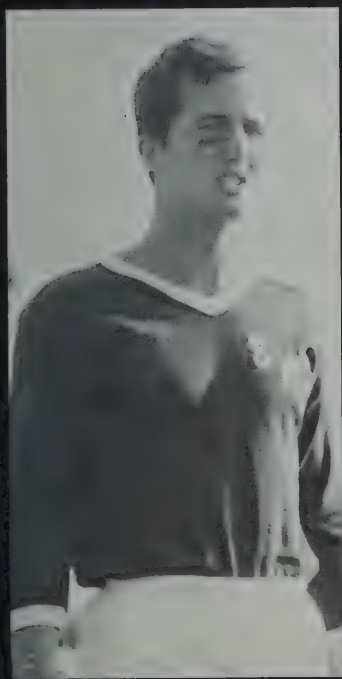


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To the college community at Saint Michael's

In closing the 1972 edition of the college annual, we, the editors of "The Shield," believe that a few final comments are in order.

Before we were able to begin the task of preserving Saint Michael's College—1972 in print, many hours were needed to determine exactly what function a college yearbook should serve. We concluded that we were not commissioned to present a portrait of the college that was either colored and touched up by sentimentality or weathered and torn by petty speculation on our part. On the contrary, we determined that our purpose would be to recall those events to which the majority of students could identify and to attempt to capture the mood that pervaded throughout the year.

Of course, we cannot be certain that we have accomplished what we set out to do for each individual involved in the "Saint Michael's Story," and, therefore, we hope that, if nothing else is gained from this volume, there might, at least, be a laugh or a smile. And, after all, in these trying days of unemployment, war, and international tension, that might not have been a bad goal for us to have sought from the start.

Sincerely,

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